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Photocopy of Deed, Nicholas Crist, ca. 1747 and Map

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Photocopied Pages on Nicholas and Sarah Crist and Their Descendants

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Oct 25, 1993

Dear Don, Here is the rest of the book. The printer charged 10¢ per page or 18.50.

Dale Shunk was excited about the Shunk book and has ordered a copy. his address is Box 209, Route 1, Camargo, Il 61919. Nina Akers son Ted Akers lives in Villa Grove, Il. You wouldn't need a street number - it is a very small town.

I'm sure Dale would like to have the Auten ancestry of his great great grandmother Julia Ann. He has some pictures from his aunt Irma, but none are identified.

Sorry this was so costly!

Don

Sent Date 28 Oct 93
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Danville, Il.
Oct. 8,1993

Dear Dan, I just received an answer from Cousin Frank- he had been on a monthlong, 6600 mile trip.

He has a hunch that he has corresponded with you in the past. He says the Autens married into the Criss family in Carroll County back in the early 1800's, and he has never been able to trace them. Meanwhile he's going to dig through his old records to see if he can find something. His books are all gone and he doesn't plan to put out another. Meanwhile, he enclosed what he has on the Christian family, which I enclose for you.

Part of my immediate Criss family- my grandmother's sister Anna Criss Cash moved to the area in Nebraska where other Criss lived- Wahoo and Loup City. Apparently the Christians moved there, too.

It is so frustrating to see all these families following each other around and to not be able to connect them!

Would you happen to know how to contact Doyle and Mary Shunk who wrote the 1982 book? I'd like to be able to pass that on to my Shunk Cousins in Douglas County, Il.

If you ever get a lead on any of these connections, could I ask you to let me know. I'm going to write to Dorie Dicus in Terre Haute- she keeps searching the Criss family, and I have some information to send to her.

Again, I'm sorry to be so long in writing. I truly enjoyed our conversation. Pal Larry Auten also enjoyed your visit and help with the computer. His birthday is next week, so I'm going over to take him out to dinner.

Dow

Added 10 OCT 93

Gave info in Book
Discussion in Aug 21 SHEETS
He's to copy pages
go → on of
Frank's book

8. CLARISSA ANN RANDLE (-). infant

9. GEORGE M. RANDLE (-).

See Page 75 of McBride's Book

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CYNTHIA ANN (CRISS) (-1827 -).
(h) DANIEL CHRISTIAN (-1817 - 4-17-1862).
(h) EDGAR E THOMPSON ( )

Cynthia was born in Carroll County, Ohio. She moved to Indiana with her parents, and lived in Owen County, Indiana. Daniel was also born in Ohio.

Married April 25, 1847, in Spencer, Owen County, Indiana. Cynthia and her husband lived on a farm next to her uncle, David A. Criss. The home locale was Franklin Township, Owen County, Indiana.

Daniel is buried at the Splinter Ridge Cemetery, Lafayette Township, Owen County, Indiana.

7 chn known

10279 1. JOHN W. CHRISTIAN (2- -1848 -). b IND LVG POLK CO NE 1900
(w) B. A. (1- -1859 -) b WISCONSIN
a. BESSIE A. (8- -1890 -) b NEBRASKA
10280 2. DAVID CHRISTIAN (-1849 -).
(w) IDA (-1860 -).

David was born in Indiana, his wife in Michigan. Married circa 1876, they made their home in Sherman County, Upper Loup, Nebraska. David was a farmer. Their children were born in Nebraska.

2 chn known

a. HERBERT A. CHRISTIAN (5- -1877 -).

b. DAVID CHRISTIAN (-1879 -).

11208 3. OLIVER S. CHRISTIAN (1- -1851 -). b IND
(w) MARY M. (SCOTT) (11- -1861 -). b IND

Mary was born in Indiana, the daughter of Silas and Milla A. SCOTT, of Franklin Township, Owen County, Indiana. Oliver was a farmer.

1 child known

CHILD 1. WM. R. MCVITTIE (6- -1899 -) b NEB
(W) WM. MCVITTIE (8- -1876 -) b CANADA

a. LULA E. CHRISTIAN (9- -1879 -). b NEB.
b OLIVE CHRISTIAN (11- -1882 -) b. NEB.
c ETHEL W. " (8- -1884 -) "
d. DAISY B " (12- -1892 -) "

Mary Ellen? 4. MARY C. CHRISTIAN (-1853 -). e. EZRA 1- -18
F. EVERETT F 1- -18
G ALVIN 2- -18

11213 5. RACHEL A. CHRISTIAN (-1854 -).

11214 6. MALINDA CHRISTIAN (-1856 -).

11215 7. BARBARA CHRISTIAN (-1858 -).

Source Unknown?

NOV 93

Sara Fennicum
Fennier

Danville, Il.
Oct. 7,1987

Dear Sara, Thanks for your good work. I do not think that any of the France you found would be mine-too late. In looking over everything, I re-discover that Wm and Nancy lived in Columbiana Co, so think I'd better try there. If you have address of a researcher or an historical society, I would appreciate it.

I had intended to buy a copy of Frank's book to put one in Carroll Co library and one in Owen Co,In., but Frank didn't seem to want me to do that. He said he had compiled the book "just for family". Therefore, if anyone asks about the enclosed pages, please refer them to me. I just can't stand thinking that some Criss researcher might desperately need this info, and sharing is a good part of my enjoyment of genealogy.

Anyaway, I supplied most of the pictures on the enclosed pages, and wanted you to see the pictures of my dad and his family, and of my grandma Mary Cynthia Criss, and great grandmother Juliette, and then the awfully scrubby picture of my family. Only Dorothy, Arthur and I are left of the kids, and mother is quite ill just now. We took that picture years ago in the back yard after a family gathering. My sisters were usually <u>much</u> more fussy about their appearance.

Thanks, again, Sara!

Thx. See Page 46-b

Book Writer
(Francis Earl McBride)
by Frank McBride
(CASTRO VALLEY)
San Francisco, Calif.

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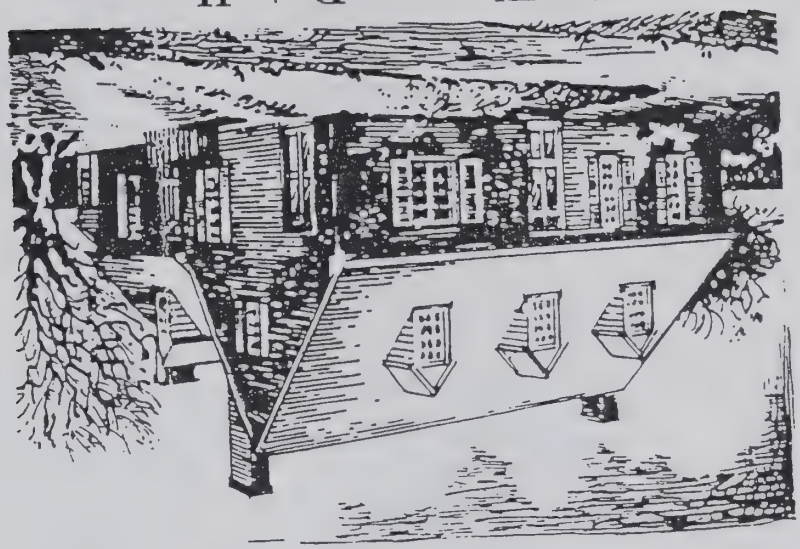
Do own address
(over)



The Thomas Pate House
Yorktown, Virginia

The home of my ancestral grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Pate. The house was built in 1699 and after nearly three centuries is still standing and occupied. Thomas was the Major Thomas Pate on whose plantation, "New Bottle", his close friend, the hero Nathaniel Bacon died during Bacon's Rebellion. For his part in the Rebellion, Major Pate probably had much of his estate confiscated, since he was apparently in reduced circumstances in his last years, operating a ferry on the York River. Also, in 1699, he applied for a license to operate an "ordinary". His York County, Virginia, ~~will is~~ dated 1703.

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See Page 46-b

Deed by Lord Fairfax printed for clarification:

The Right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia: To all to whom this present writing shall come sends greeting. Know ye that for good causes for and in consideration of the composition to me paid, and for the annual rent hereafter received, I have given, granted, and confirmed, and by these presents for me, my Heirs and Assigns do give, grant and confirm unto NICHOLAS CRIST of the County of Frederick, a certain tract or lot of land on Patterson's Creek known and distinguished in the Plot of Survey made by Mr. Jas. Gorner by the H10 and is bounded as follows: Beginning at a small Elm on the Westside of the Creek in the ---- journeying down the several meanders of the Creek N67° E 17 poles, N2° E thirty four poles, N10° E ninety two poles, North thirty poles, N25° E thirty eight poles to a Sassafras and Locust on the Mc----- side, thence N70° W two hundred poles, thence S15° E two hundred and forty poles to a black walnut, corner of lot N9°, thence along the line thereof S70° E twenty poles to the beginning containing one hundred sixty seven acres Together with all Rights, Members, and appurtenances thereon so belonging Royal Mines Excepted, and a full third Part of all Lead, Copper, Tinn, Coals, Iron Mines and Iron Ore that shall be found thereon: To have and to hold the said one hundred and sixty seven acres of land together will all rights to profit, and benefits to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining except before excepted to Him the said NICHOLAS CRIST, his heirs and assigns forever. He the said NICHOLAS CRIST, his heirs and assigns therefore yielding and Paying to me, my Heirs or Assigns, or to my certain Attorney or Attorneys, Agent or Agents, or to the certain Attorney or Attorneys of my Heirs or Assigns, Proprietor of the said Northern Neck yearly and every year on the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel the Fee Rent of One Shilling sterling money for every fifty acres of Land hereby granted and so proportionably for a greater or less quantity. Provided, that if the said NICHOLAS CRIST, his Heirs or Assigns shall not pay the said annual reserved Rent so that the same or any Part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of Two whole years after the same shall become Due if lawfully demanded, that then it shall and may be lawful for me, my Heirs and Assigns, Proprietors as aforesaid, my or their certain Attorney or Attorneys, Agent or Agents into the above granted Premises to Re-enter and Hold the same so as if this grant had never passed.

Given at my Office in the County of Fairfax within my said Proprietary, and by my Hand and Seal, Dated this sixth day of June in the twenty second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Kind defender of the Faith ye AD one thousand seven hundred and forty nine.

Fairfax

NICHOLAS CRIST - Deed
for 167 on Patterson's Creek
N 10:

Thomas Fairfax, 6th Baron Fairfax of Cameron, was born Oct. 22, 1693, in Kent, England. He inherited estates in the Northern Neck of Virginia comprising more than five million acres between the Rappahannock and Potomac rivers. He visited the property during 1735-1737, but did not take up residence until 1747. Being a loyalist, his properties were confiscated after the Revolutionary War. Baron Fairfax died in Greenway Court, Frederick County, Virginia, December 9, 1781.

NOTE: Nicholas Crist was on the property as late as 1757, when he was taxed fifteen pounds of tobacco.

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The Right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Lord Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia To all to whom this present Writing shall come Sends Greeting Know ye that for good Causes for and in consideration of ye Consideration hereinafter mentioned and for the annual Rent hereafter reserved I have given granted & confirmed & do by these presents for me my Heirs and assigns do give grant and confirm unto Nicholas Crist of the County of Fredericke a certain Tract or Peice of Land on Pattersons Creek known and distinguished in the Plat of Survey made by Mr James Scott by the No 10 and is bounded as follows: Beginning at a small Elm on the West side the Creek in the Line N. of Overseers down the same Mouth one of the Creek N 67 E. Seventeen Poles N 2 E. Thirty four Poles, N 10 E. Ninety two Poles, North Thirty Poles N. 25 E. Forty eight Poles to a Sycamore and Dogwood on the Creek side Thence N 70 W. Two hundred Poles, thence S. 15 E. Two hundred and forty Poles to a black Oak Walnut Corner to Mr Q thence along the Line thereof S. 70 E. Seventy Poles to the Beginning Containing One hundred Sixty Seven Acres Together with all Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging Royal Mines Excepted and a full third Part of all the Gold and Silver Mines and Iron the Black shall be found thereon To have and to hold the said One hundred and Sixty Seven Acres of Land Together with all Rights Profits and Commodities to the same belonging or in any Wise appertaining Except before Excepted To him the said Nicholas Crist his Heirs and Assigns for Ever He the said Nicholas Crist his Heirs and Assigns Before Yielding and Paying to me my Heirs or Assigns or to my certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents or to the certain Attorney or Attorneys of any Heirs and Assigns Rent of the said Northern Neck Yearly and every Year on the Feast Day of St Michael the Archangel the Fee Rent of One Shilling Sterling Money for every Fifty Acres of Land hereby granted and so proportionally for a greater or lesser Quantity Provided that if the said Nicholas Crist his Heirs or Assigns shall not Pay the before mentioned annual Rent or Rent Fee or any Part thereof shall be behind or Unpaid by the Space of two whole Years after the same shall become Due if Lawfully Demanded that then it shall and may be lawful for me my Heirs or Assigns Proprietor as aforesaid My or Their certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents into the above granted Premises to Enter and Hold the same as if this Grant had never been Passed. Given at my Office in the County of Fairfax within my said Proprietary under my Hand and Seal Dated this Sixth Day of June in the twenty Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and forty nine

Fairfax

Nicolas Crist's Deed
for 167 on Pattersons Creek
No 10.

DISTRICT OF WEST AUGUSTA
and COUNTIES of
OHIO
YOHOGANIA
and
MONONGALIA

PART I

JOHN CRIST/CRISS

The earliest record of John Crist in Pennsylvania is 1768, when along with Andrew Poe and Andrew Rankin, he settled on Harmon's Creek, Washington County, then in the heart of an unknown wilderness. None of the young trio was married, so they lived together. John evidently was raised in old Virginia, and made the move to Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary War with other members of the family. His brother, Nicholas, settled to the south on the Monongahela River at a spot now known as Donora, Pa. The original patent of Nicholas was No. 3090 with survey dated July 20, 1769, and the 223 acre plot was known as "Strasburg." Nicholas and John were settled about forty miles apart, and there is some record that Nicholas also had land on Harmon's Creek, but that story will be covered in part II of this book under Nicholas Crist.

In pursuance of a Virginia Patent dated December 14, 1785, John Crist acquired 349 acres of land on Harmon's Run which he called "Hermitage." The patent for this land was granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, January 11, 1788. The original sheep-skin patent was for years in the possession of Charles L. Criss, a grandson of John. It has probably been handed down through the descendents of Charles to other members of the family.

His farm extended along the creek almost a mile with considerable acreage of good fertile bottom land, and up the wooded hills on either side. The location of present day Hanlin Station on the Panhandle Railroad is approximately the center of the farm. His log cabin was located near a spring where the Chas. Hanlin home, built by William Criss, was located.

In 1804, John Crist sold 58 acres at the northwest corner of his tract to Richard Hanlin. This became the Jacob Yates farm. In 1813, he sold the western part of his original tract to his son Jacob for $600.00. In the body of the deed, the names both appear as "Christ", while the signature is "Crist." This parcel of land later became the Rittenhouse Criss farm and remained in the Criss name until 1916. As noted before, there is a discrepancy in the spelling of the family name that has existed for many, many years. In John's will dated 1821, he signs by mark, but the name is spelled out as "Crist." About 1830, the date of John's death, the spelling "Criss" came into popular use, and his sons executed various agreements in relation to their father's estate, all of which are signed, "Criss." Portions of the family that migrated to Kentucky and Ohio did retain the spelling as "Crist", and their descendents use that spelling as of now. One would almost have to believe that the name was originally of the "Crist" spelling, and only time will really tell why some members changed to the spelling, "Criss."

John Crist was reported to have married one Ursulla Hawkins. She evidently passed away around 1820, and no record of her parents has been found. There is some indication that the Hawkins family movements from Virginia closely followed that of the Crist family. In fact, a John Hawkins lived next door to the Crist family, and he was possibly a relative of Ursulla. After the death of Ursulla, John Crist moved in with his son William, and remained there until his death in 1830. The remaining property was willed to William, and was later sold to Grant and Charles Hanlin. The name of the home place then became known as Hanlin's Station, a landmark still on the maps of Washington County, Pa.

John Crist/Criss had a family of six sons and one daughter; William, Jacob

Henry, Nicholas, John, Jr., George, and Sarah. These children will be followed from the charts on the family members. It is noteworthy the way these original given names were used down through the years, even with the family members that migrated to Kentucky and Ohio.

John's original land settlement was made under Virginia, and during the Revolutionary War, when Virginia was in full control of this territory, all settlers were required to take an oath of allegiance to Virginia. Then when the boundary dispute was resolved, they all became citizens of Pennsylvania, and it is recorded where John Crist and many of his neighbors appeared before a Justice of the Peace in Cross Creek and took the oath of allegiance to Pennsylvania.

As citizens of Pennsylvania, many were inducted into the Washington County militia about 1781. (Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series, Vol 2, page 152) Familiar names appearing on this roll are John Criss, Thomas Ward, John Stephenson, Adam and Andrew Poe, and Boston Burget, who founded Burgettstown, Pa.

John Crist had a grist mill on the creek at the eastern line of his tract which he sold in 1830, the year he died, to John Hawkins. This John Hawkins could possibly be a relative of John Crist's wife, Ursulla, and this matter will be investigated further. This mill property was at some point converted from water power to steam power, and became the property of Grant Hanlin. In the latter part of the nineteenth century, this mill contained a saw mill, not with a circular blade, but with one that operated straight up and down. The mill was operated by Grant Hanlin and two of his sons, Xinophon and Francis. For his pay the miller took as toll a certain portion of the grain to be ground. Money in those days was very scarce.

John Crist is supposed to be buried in Bethel Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa. A large field stone crudely carved, "J. C." is supposed to mark his grave, but a close examination of the grounds does not reveal such a stone. His estate papers show a payment of "ten dollars in full for coffin for John Criss, decd."

The descendents of John Crist should understand and appreciate something of the hardships and dangers which fell to his lot as one of the early settlers on the frontier of this nation. These early settlers on this outpost of civilization had no civil government, especially during the Revolution. The nearest court was fifty miles away. Money was almost unknown, no roads worthy of the name, no means of transportation except on horseback over rough trails, and no medical facilities when they were ill. The greatest danger was from Indians who had been oppressed and cheated by white traders until they regarded every white man as an enemy. These white traders furnished the Indians with fire water and fire arms.

The settlement of John Crist was only ten miles or less fron the Ohio River, at the mouth of Harmon's Creek, and beyond that was Indian country. On the old farm there was a clump of trees on the hillside near the Panhandle Railroad, which was always pointed out as the place where the women and children hid when there was an alarm of Indians. Family stories recall how Sarah, the daughter of John Crist, had told how the women and children took their refuge there. The men, of course, armed with rifles, stood ready to fight.

INDIAN TROUBLES

There were numerous "forts" and "blockhouses" where whole families of the neighborhood would take refuge when there was a general uprising of Indians. There was Well's fort on Cross Creek, about five miles to the south; Doddridge's fort and Teeter's forts near the present site of Independence, about five miles

to the south, both built in 1773; Vance's fort near the present site of Cross Creek Village, built in 1774, was about four or five miles east of the Crist farm. This was one of the best known forts in the locality; Cherry's fort in what is still known as Cherry Valley, running east from Burgettstown. This fort was built in 1774. John Cherry was later killed by the Indians. Dillow's fort in Hanover Township, and about five miles to the north, was built in 1780.

The building of these forts in 1773 and 1774 indicates that this section was pretty well settled at that time. It would seem quite likely that John Crist was then on Harmon's Creek. It indicates further that there was some threatening danger from the Indians which prompted all these defensive preparations.

In April of 1774, Indian Chief Logan, Chief of the Mingoes, with his family and a small party of Indians was camped on the west side of the Ohio at Yellow Creek, not far from the present site of New Cumberland, and on April 30th, they were invited over to Baker's Bottom on the east side of the river where a man named Baker had a tavern, and were promised rum. Chief Logan was not in attendance, but about ten Indians including Logan's brother, his sister and evidently his wife, accepted what they thought was a friendly invitation. Rum was produced as promised and a number of the party became intoxicated. Others of the Indians were induced to engage in a shooting contest until their ammunition was exhausted. Then a party of whites under Daniel Greathouse, who lived on King's Creek, pounced upon the Indians and killed them all, including women and children. One six month old child reputed to have a white father was reported as spared from the slaughter.

Chief Logan, a man of wisdom and integrity, had always been a friend of the white man, but after this incidence, he swore vengeance and started a war of his own against the whites. The settlers were paralyzed with fear. Many abandoned their settlements and rushed east across the Monongahela and even across Laurel Ridge for safety. One of Washington's correspondents in the west wrote him, "This alarm has caused the people to move over the Monongahela off Chartiers and Raccoon Creeks as fast as you ever saw them in the year 1756 or 1757 down in Frederick County, Virginia. There were more than one thousand people crossed the Monongahela in one day at three ferries less than one mile apart."

Nicholas Crist, brother of John, and living on his land on the Monongahela, was in the midst of this exodus. Settlers on Harmon's Creek were more exposed than those on Chartiers or Raccoon Creeks, so they probably took refuge in the numerous forts and block houses which had been erected in that vicinity. General St. Clair who lived at Ligonier wrote Governor Penn indicating the feeling that the Indian vengeance was directed primarily against the Virginians who largely settled west of the Monongahela. The rumor being that the Indians proposed to make that river the dividing line between the Indians and the whites, instead of the Ohio River. He states that he rode out to do some investigating "and I am certain that I did not meet less than a hundred families and two thousand head of cattle in twenty miles riding."

Lord Dunmore, Colonel Governor of Virginia at Williamsburg, organized a considerable force which he commanded in person in a move against the Indians. This army assembled in 1774 at Fort Pitt (called Fort Dunmore during the Virginia occupation) then moved down the Ohio River and into the Indian country. The Indians were defeated and by the terms of the Treaty, they surrendered all the prisoners and horses they had stolen, and agreed not to hunt on the east side of the Ohio River. The whites agreed not to hunt on the west side. Dunmore with 700 men traveled by water to Ft. Fincastle (Wheeling) and was joined there by a force which came by land, "with 500 men, 50 pack horses, and 200 bullocks."

The successful termination of the Dunmore's War seemed [illegible] lief to the settlers on Harmon's Creek, but the Revolutionary War was just around the corner and the British, operating from Detroit had formed an alliance with many Indian tribes. However, the Harmon's Creek section had comparatively few raids prior to 1780.

In 1778, Alexander McKee, who lived at what is now McKee's Rocks, and Matthew Elliott, who may have been one of the Elliotts in the Elliott Borough region, were about to be arrested as Tories but escaped down the river and joined the Indians in Ohio. They succeeded in inducing some tribes to take up arms against the whites on the east side of the Ohio River, then went to Detroit and were given commissions in the British Army. From that time, they led the members of the various tribes in committing atrocities against the whites. They paid bounties to the Indians for scalps of white people and for whites taken prisoner.

After so many Indian tribes had joined the British, it became necessary for the white population in Washington County, which was organized in 1781, to take more definite action for protection of the western border. The Washington County militia was organized and Peter Kidd's company included Thomas Ward, John Criss, together with Philip Jackson, Robert Wallace, and Adam and Andrew Poe, to be referred to later. The city of Eldersville now stands on the former tract of Thomas Ward, mentioned above.

The Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania directed the County Lieutenants of Washington and Westmoreland Counties to furnish to General Irvine, in command of Fort Pitt, from time to time such numbers of troops from the militia as he might consider necessary. It was decided that Washington County would keep a total force of 160 men in actual service under two field officers constantly ranging the frontier of the Ohio River from Montour's Bottom to Wheeling. These men were to serve "on tours" for certain periods of time. Their rations were to be one pound of beef, or three quarters of a pound of pork, one pound of bread, one gill of whiskey per day, and one quart of salt and two quarts of vinegar for every 100 rations. Also soap and candles. It is a safe assumption that John Criss was called upon to serve his time as a ranger.

About 1780, the condition of the western settlers became almost intolerable. McFarland's History of Washington County expresses it this way: "The harassed and distracted inhabitants had no permanent safe houses, no certain government, and no sure title or promise of any. They had but little provisions, cattle or crops, no money of any value to purchase with, and very little if anything in the community that could be bought. The Virginia adherents saw the best of the horseshoe land about to be snatched away by the Pennsylvania boundary line survey, and the Pennsylvania adherents saw the Virginia surveyors embracing or encroaching on their settlements by these surveys of vast tracts of land. It is impossible to conceive of a situation more distressing."

In addition to all this, the Indian troubles became more acute. In the summer of 1779, the Indians captured the wife of William Reynolds on Cross Creek. They were pursued by a posse of whites which included Robert McCready, a neighbor of John Criss, but they killed their prisoner and escaped.

In the spring of 1780, five men were killed and three boys and three girls were taken prisoner at a sugar camp on Raccoon Creek. In 1781, a band of Indians captured Philip Jackson in a flax field at his home on Harmon's Creek, about two miles from the Criss settlement. Jackson was a carpenter, and for this reason, valuable to the Indians. Jackson's son witnessed the capture and went on foot to Fort Cherry to raise an alarm. Next morning a posse of 17 men

started in pursuit.

The chase was continued the greater part of the night. In the morning, the party found themselves on the trail of the Indians, which led to the river. When arrived within a little distance of the river, Adam Poe, fearing an ambush, left the party and proceeded on his own. He proceeded under cover of the weeds and bushes along the brink of the river, hoping to come upon the rear of the Indian party. He had not gone far when he spotted the Indian raft at the edge of the water. Not seeing any Indians, he stepped softly down the bank with his rifle cocked. When about half way down, he discovered the large Wyandot chief and a small Indian within a few steps of him. They were standing with their guns cocked and looking in the direction of the party, who by this time had gone some distance lower down the bottom. Poe took aim at the large chief, but his rifle missed fire. The Indians hearing the snap of the gun lock, instantly turned round and discovered Poe, who, being too near them to retreat, dropped his gun and sprang from the bank upon them, seizing the large Indian by the cloths on his breast, and at the same time, embracing the neck of the smaller one. A terrible struggle ensued during which time the smaller Indian was able to free himself, and raced for his tomahawk. Poe was able to deflect the blows, but not without being badly battered on the arm. In a sudden move, Poe leaped free and grabbed one of the Indian's rifles, and shot the small Indian dead. The battle with the large Indian continued with both slipping and sliding down the bank into the water. There they tried to drown each other.

Andrew Poe had been looking for his brother, and came upon the struggle just in time to find the large Indian free and attempting to shoot Adam. Fortunately for Adam, the Indian had picked up the rifle used to kill his companion. Andrew took aim and fired, only to find his rifle was also empty. It then became a race between Andrew and the Indian to see who could load first. Andrew was the winner, and shot the Indian as he was raising his gun to take aim. As soon as Andrew had shot the Indian, he jumped into the river to assist his wounded brother to shore; but Adam, thinking more of the honor of carrying the big Indian's scalp home as a trophy of victory, urged Andrew to go back and prevent the struggling savage from rolling himself into the river and escaping. Andrew's solicitude for the life of his brother prevented him from complying with this request.

In the meantime, the Indian, jealous of the honor of his scalp, even in the agonies of death, succeeded in reaching the river and getting into the current, so that his body was never obtained. Three of the whites were killed in this encounter, and five of the six Indians were slain. Adam Poe was severely wounded by one of his own party that came upon the struggle in the river. Taking Adam as one of the Indians, he put a shot in Adam's shoulder, a wound he recovered from.

On April 2, 1782, an order on State funds was drawn to pay Adam Poe 12 pds 10 shillings "for taking an Indian scalp in the County of Washington." This may not have been the scalp of Big Foot, because history says his body fell into the river and was carried downstream.

The Gnadenhutten Massacre of March, 1782, was planned at Vance's Fort near the present site of Cross Creek Village, and only a few miles from John Crist's home. No complete list of those that participated has been preserved, but we can only hope that if such a list were available, John Crist's name would not appear on it. This massacre at Gnadenhutten incited the Indians to greater violence upon the settlers. They operated from the Sandusky region under the direction of the British at Detroit.

came under the command of General Irvine, commander of Fort Pitt. He decided to fill the ranks with volunteers rather than draft the militia, but the force was largely madeup of volunteers from the militia. Colonel William Crawford was put in command of the expedition which consisted of about 500 volunteers, 350 of them from Washington County, each of whom furnished his own horse, arms and equipment. They assembled at Mingo Bottoms, May 24, 1782, and proceeded northward toward Sandusky country.

This expedition was spotted by Indian scouts who warned their forces who were reinforced by the British. Colonel Crawford's forces were defeated and driven back. Colonel Crawford was taken prisoner, along with Dr. Knight, the surgeon who accompanied the expedition, and others. The rest of the retreating force under Colonel Williamson, second in command, reached the Ohio River at Mingo Bottom June 13th.

Colonel Crawford was doomed to death. It was apparent he was to be burned at the stake. He was stripped and painted black. With his hands tied, he was pounced upon by the assembled Indians and unmercifully beaten. Then he was tied to the stake at the end of a short rope, and the fire was kindled all around the stake. The Indian warriors loaded their guns with powder only, and shot the hot powder into his flesh - history says about seventy times. He called out to one of the whites with the Indians to shoot him, but was refused. This torture kept up for hours, and he was slowly roasted to death. Dr. Knight was a witness to all this, and was supposed to get the same treatment, but he was able to escape and published the whole story.

After the close of the Revolution, there was less trouble with the Indians in the neighborhood where John Crist lived, but there were occasional incidents of violence.

In 1791, President Washington authorized two expeditions against the Ohio country, both which failed. General Arthur St. Clair of Ligonier led the second with an army made up of regular army men and militia from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. It is said that the losses to this small army in a desperate battle were greater than those incurred by Washington in any battle of the Revolution.

President Washington then chose General Anthony Wayne to organize a third expedition. He arrived in Pittsburgh in 1792 to head an army of five thousand men. After wintering over about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh on the Ohio River, he took his army to Cincinnati where he was reinforced by regulars and militiamen from Kentucky. He then turned north, building forts as he progressed. The severe fighting did not begin until mid year 1794, with the final engagement, the Battle of Fallen Timbers, August 20, 1794. A treaty was signed August 3, 1795, three years after Wayne first took charge. His victory was complete, and the threat of Indian attack on the western border was finally removed.

One cannot overlook a short discertation on the Poe brothers, who were the friends and fighting companions of John Crist for so many years on the western frontier. In Forrest's History of Washington County, Pennsylvania, the Poe brothers are described as "Indian hunters - not Indian fighters." One can only use his imagination as to what this means. Both of the Poe brothers were born in Frederick County, Maryland, sons of George Poe, a large land owner. The father died in 1756 when Andrew was fourteen years of age. Shortly afterwards, Andrew left Maryland and went to Fort Pitt, where he stayed for several years, and acquired a little property. In 1768, in company with John Christ and Andrew

Rankin, he settled on Harmon's Creek, Washington County, Pa. It would appear that our ancestor was associated with a rough, tough group of young men, and one can only guess at the adventures he participated in. Nicholas R. Criss, I, in his discertation on the Criss family, states that Isaac Criss, son of William, told him that as a very young boy he had often listened to his grandfather and Adam Poe discussing their common experiences on the frontier. What a wonderful experience it would be to be able to share some of those stories today. Adam Poe lived only about two miles from John Crist, and his brother, Andrew, not much farther away.

In order that we may understand the geography of Washington County, it will be noted that the Crist land lay one half in what was then Cross Creek Township and one half in Hanover Township. Harmon's Creek ran through the tract and emptied into the Ohio River opposite where Steubenville now stands. Cross Creek ran parallel to Harmon's Creek about four or five miles to the south and emptied into the Ohio opposite the site of Mingo Junction, Ohio. King's Creek was four or five miles to the north, and emptied into the Ohio above Wierton, W. Va. Our ancestor, Elijah Rittenhouse, lived on King's Creek at the line between Pennsylvania and (now) West Virginia. Raccoon Creek flows north from Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, and forms the eastern boundary of Hanover Township.

Will of
JOHN CRIST, deceased

March 28, 1831, Letters Testamentory with copy of the Will and Probate annexed.....

Registered in Will Book No. 4, pages 578 and 579

In the name of God, Amen. I John Crist being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory, blessed be God for his mercies. Calling to mind the uncertainty of this life so make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following:

Principally and first into the hand of almighty God, I commit my spirit and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor herein after named and as to my worldly estate, I give and dispose of in the following manner (to wit)

1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved childring, to wit, Nicholas, John, George, Jacob, William, Henry and Sally Wright, all my estate personal and real goods chattels, debts and credits which I may be possessed of at my death, to be equally divided amongst them except as hereinafter mentioned. I give and bequeath unto the one I may be living with at the time of my death, one hundred dollars more than the rest of the childring. And next after my death as soon as convenient, I allow my executors to sell all my estate personal or deal for the best price that can be got and as soon as the money can be collected, and all my just and lawful debts paid, divide the money as above directed amongst my childring. And lastly, I constitute and appoint William M. Emery and John M. to be executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills and ..... heretofore made and declaring this my last Will and Testament. In ..... whereas I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of November, 1821.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
last Will and Testament in the presence of

John Smith
William T. Worstell

John Crist His + Mark

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CRIST/CRISS, John, Sr. b. ca -1741 d. -1830
(w) Ursilla (Hawkins) b. ca -1746 d. -1820

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It is believed that John and Ursilla were married around 1769, and settled on their farm on Harmon's Creek to raise their family. A resting spot has not been found for either, but it is reported that John was laid to rest at the Bethel Churchyard cemetery just outside of Eldersville, Pa. No evidence of a stone is present at this date. It was reported that a Criss burial plot was on the old home place, but investigation reveals the possibility that the old field stones may have been plowed under after the property changed hands in 1916.

7 chn

1. NICHOLAS b. -1770 d. ca-1840
(w) Sally b. 1774-1784 d.

see pages (10 - 18)

2. GEORGE b. -1772 d.
(w) Catterina b. -1775 d.

see pages (19 - 21)

3. JOHN, Jr. b. 5-30-1774 d. 9-17-1845
10283 (w) Sarah (Tolen) b. 10-01-1778 d. 7-16-1854

see pages (22 - 90)

4. JACOB b. 5-15-1778 d. 3-08-1847
(w) Hannah (Rittenhouse) b. 4-06-1781 d. 9-11-1838

see pages (91 - 175)

5. SARAH b. ca-1780 d. -1863
(h) Samuel WRIGHT b. -1778 d. 9-31-1862

see pages (175 - 185)

6. WILLIAM M. b. ca-1784 d. 3- -1856
(w) Hannah b. 5- -1785 d. 10-15-1869

see pages (186 - 236)

7. HENRY b. ca-1787 d. -1863
(w) Elizabeth b. ca-1792 d.

see pages (236 - 237)

Children of JOHN CRIST/CRISS, Sr. (ca 1741 - 1830) and their descendents---

1. NICHOLAS CRIST (ca 1770 - ca-1840).

Nicholas Crist was the first born of the marriage of John Crist, Sr, and Ursilla Hawkins, a farm family of Harmons Creek, Pennsylvania. Born and raised on the family place, Nicholas probably acquired all his schooling in Hanover Township schools.

We know from land papers that Nicholas married a girl named Sally, and the family started off living in Washington County, Hanover Township, Pennsylvania. By 1810, the family had grown to eleven. Sometime after 1810, the family moved to Stark County, Ohio.

By 1820, the family has increased by at least seven more children, possibly more. One would assume that a family of this size would be easy to trace, but it is not to be. The many girls of the family married off and became lost, and only four of the sons are evident.

Nicholas lived very close to the eastern border of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and some of his children actually lived there. After the sale of the family property, the family of Nicholas seems to disappear. Nicholas and his wife may have moved west with son Peter, and this will have to be checked out at a later date.

From the 1820 through 1840 census reports, and from court records of the area, it appears that four of the sons of Nicholas and Sally were:

1. JOHN CRIST	b.	1790/1900 d.	pr 1840
(w) Elizabeth	b.	-1795 d.	1850/1860

see pages (10 - 15)

2. NICHOLAS CRIST, Jr.	b.	-1804 d.	-1863
(w) Sarah (Smith)	b.	-1803 d.	1870/1880

see pages (15 - 16)

3. PETER W. CRIST	b.	-1805 d.	
(w) Christiane (Hatfield)	b.	-1805 d.	

see pages (16 - 17)

4. SAMUEL CRISS	b.	-1814 d.	
(w) Hannah	b.	-1813 d.	

see pages (17 - 18)

James Monroe President
To
Nicholas Crist

James Monroe, President of the United States of America.

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come: Greeting:

No. 129 Know ye, that Nicholas Crist of Washington County Pennsylvania, having deposited in the General Land Office, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Steubenville whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the North west quarter of Section one in Township Sixteen of Range Seven containing one hundred sixty three hundredths & twenty four hundredths of an acre—
of the Lands directed to be sold at Steubenville by the Act of Congress, Entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory North-west of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," and of the acts amendatory of the same:
There is granted, by the United States, unto the said Nicholas Crist the quarter lot or section of Land above described. To Have and to hold the said quarter lot or section of Land, with the appurtenances, unto the said Nicholas Crist his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the Thirteenth day of "November" in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and twenty two" and of the independence of the United States of America the Forty seventh.

By the President, J. M.

J. McClean Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Seal

Department of the Interior.
General Land Office
Washington, D. C., June 11 1922

I hereby certify that this photograph is a true copy of the Patent record which is in my custody in this office.

M. P. LeRoy
Recorder

Received for Record, July 11th 1922 at 9:30 A.M.
Recorded, January 16th 1922.

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NICHOLAS and SARAH (SALLY) CRIST

Born, raised and married in Washington County, Pennsylvania. By 1800, this marriage had produced seven children; five daughters and two sons. By 1810, and still living in Hanover township, the family has increased to seven daughters and four sons.

It is not known just when Nicholas and his family departed Pennsylvania to take up residence in Ohio, but he evidently made the move after 1810, for he was still living in Hanover Township at that time. The records would indicate that he purchased land in Carroll County, Ohio, and was granted a deed to the acreage in 1822 as indicated by the deed signed by the President, James Monroe. To be handled by such a high office, the land was obviously surplus government property.

On September 27, 1832, Nicholas Sr. sold to Nicholas Jr., 40 acres of this land for $200.00, lying in NW quarter of Section No 1, Township 16, Range 7.

In the 1834 tax rolls for Carroll County, Nicholas Sr. has 124 acres in Township 16, Section 1, Range 7, NW quarter, value of $232.00. Nicholas Jr. has 40 acres in Township 16, Range 7, WNW quarter (40 acres) valued at $75.00.

Note: Aaron Elliot, a land owner of Carroll County, has 163 acres in Township 16, Range 7, Section 1, NE quarter, value of $326.00.

On November 18, 1837, Nicholas Jr. sold to above Aaron Elliott, his 40 acres of land as described above. It is assumed that Nicholas Jr. then left the area for Richland County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, where he raised his family.

Aaron Elliott again became involved with the Crist family when he was named guardian of three of the minor children of John Crist, son of Nicholas Sr., in August of 1838.

On November 30, 1843, Nicholas Sr. and Sarah, his wife, sold their 163 acres less 40 sold to Nicholas Jr., to Jacob Woy. The whereabouts of Nicholas Sr. and his wife after the sale is not known. Both would be in their seventies, and may have moved in with one of their children.

Children of NICHOLAS CRIST (1770 - 1840) and their descendents---

1. JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1838)
   (w) Elizabeth (1795 - 1850/1860)

Married circa 1815, and made his home in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Was probably involved in the boundary change in 1833, when part of Tuscarawas County became the western portion of Carroll County. John's land consisted of 223 acres situated in Monroe Township. No will has been found on John, but his death obviously took place late in 1837 or very early in 1838, for that is when the papers concerning his estate start to appear. See following information on the family:

From Will Book A (1833-1843)

Guardians (court appointed and chosen)

Pg 222 - April 1838

Andrew CRIST - age 16 yrs on 27 November 1838.
William CRIST - age 20 yrs on 29 May 1838.

Chose JAMES WILKIN as guardian, heirs of John CRIST.

Pg 224 - April 1838

Robert R. CRIST - age 18 yrs on 4 June 1838.

Chose THOMAS GRIFFIN guardian, heir of John CRIST.

Pg 226 - August 1838

Mary Ann CRIST - age 13 yrs on 1 January 1839.
John CRIST - age 12 yrs on 5 January 1839.
Isaac CRIST - age 9 yrs on November 3, 1838.

Court appointed AARON ELLIOTT guardian, heirs of John CRIST.

BRIEF ABSTRACTS of CRIST/CRISS DEEDS IN CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Deed Book 6, page 64, Quit Claim Deed

NICHOLAS CRIST to WILLIAM CRIST

On 6 February 1839, Nicholas Crist, son of John Crist, late of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, decd, filed in office of clerk of Common Pleas Court, Carroll County, a petition to have aparted unto him, one undivided 7th part of the following real estate:

NE 1/4 of Sect. 35 T 14 R6 containing 223 acres more or less.

In August term of Court, such proceedings were ordered by oaths of James Thompson, William Coleman and Andrew Clark (3 disinterested free holders) and the sheriff made partition of lands aforesaid, etc.

A tract of land, 25 acres in SE corner of NE 1/4 of Sect. 35 T14 R6, and ordered that Nicholas CRIST hold in severalty the share set off and assigned to him by said commissioners.

Now Nicholas and wife Margaret for consideration of $300.00 paid them by William CRIST do quit claim forever any claim on the land, etc.

James Downs
William Davis, JP

signed

Nicholas Crist

Recorded 19 August 1840

BRIEF ABSTRACTS of CRIST/CRISS DEEDS IN CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Deed Book 6 pages 383 - 384

ROBERT R. CRIST to SAMUEL McBURNEY

On 30 June 1841, Robert Russel CRIST of Carroll County, Ohio, for sum of $250.00 paid him by Samuel McBurney of same place, quit claims all his interests in one seventh part of undivided estate of John CRIST, decd, being NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Sect. 35 T14 R6 in Steubenville Land District, and also any part party's claim to any share of dower at the decease of his mother, Elizabeth CRIST, is hereby conveyed, granted and sold to 2nd part.

Samuel Semple
Robert Semple

signed

Recorded 9 September 1841

Robert R. Crist

Deed Book 6 pages 384 - 385

ELIZABETH CRIST to SAMUEL McBURNEY

On 30 June 1841, Elizabeth CRIST of Monroe Township, Carroll County, widow of John CRIST being seized and possessed of her own right of dower in the estate of her deceased husband and by virtue of decree of Court of Common Pleas has had her dower assigned to her in the NE corner of NE 1/4 of Sect. 35 T14 R6 containing 53 acres more or less and bounded on E by heirs of aforesaid 1/4 section, on W by great leading road from Browns Mill to Leesburgh to a stake then E to the E line aforesaid for sum of $350.00, Elizabeth does quit claim to Samuel McBurney.

Samuel Semple
Phillip Crabs

signed

Recorded 9 September 1841

Elizabeth Crist

From the information contained on pages 11 and 12, we can conclude that the family of John CRIST was as follows:

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

1. NICHOLAS CRIST (10-25-1815 - 10-13-1888).
   (w) Margaret (5-17-1812 - 11-29-1882).

Married circa 1836, and after quit claim of his share of estate of deceased father, moved to Putnam County, Van Buren Township, Ohio. Here Nicholas engaged in farming and raising live stock.

4 chn

A. John CRIST (5-28-1835 - 10-10-1906).
   (w) Jane (Symes) (7-09-1840 - 1-21-1900).

   Married in Putnam County, Ohio, February 14, 1856. Was engaged in farm work

6 chn

1. James Perry CRIST (-1857 - 10-31-1917).
2. Nicholas Emery CRIST (-1859 - -1936).
   (w) Alwinda "Allie" (-).

   Lived in various cities in Ohio including Crestline, Ashland and lastly, Mansfield.

3 chn

   a. Emma Crist (-).
   b. Ethel Crist (-).
   c. John CRIST (-1904 -).
      (w) Edith (-).

3. Rebeccaa Anna Crist (-1866 -).
4. Wesley Thornton CRIST (6-10-1872 - -1894).
5. Franklin CRIST (9- -1875 -).
6. Americus V. CRIST (1- -1879 -).

B. Jane A. Crist (-1843 -).

C. Andrew CRIST (8- -1846 - 10-19-1882).
   (w) Lucinda Jane (-1851 -).

   Lived in Putnam County, Ohio, and was a farmer. Lost his wife prior to 1880, and with his two children, lived with his parents.

3 chn

1. George W. CRIST (7-13-1870 - 9-19-1926).
2. Harriet C. Crist (7-24-1871 - 12-23-1873). Two years.
3. Caroline Crist (-1872 -).

D. Elizabeth CRIST (3- -1850 -) married William IMHOFF (1851 -) just prior to 1870 census for Putnam County, Ohio. Elizabeth was left a widow at an early age, probably around 1875. She appears with her parents in 1880 with her two children. William IMHOFF was the son of Henry and Hester Imhoff, of Van Buren Township. Henry, born 1825, was from Switzerland. His wife, Hester, was born in Ohio, 1828.

2 chn

1. Margaret Imhoff (1871 -).
2. Sylvia Imhoff (1873 -).

Note: Elizabeth CRIST, mother of Nicholas, was living with her son and his family in 1850.

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

2. WILLIAM CRIST (5-29-1818 -).
(w) Elizabeth (-1827 -).

Not much is known of the life of William. On the 1840 census of Carroll County, Ohio, he is living next door to his mother, Elizabeth, with a wife and young daughter. In 1850, he has moved to Hancock County, Eagle Township, Ohio, and living with his wife and two children. It also appears his wife's mother might be living in, for there is a Mary Brownheller (1805 -) listed.

2 chn

A. REBECCA J. CRIST (1847 -).
B. AMOS R. CRIST (1849 -).

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

3. ROBERT RUSSEL CRIST (6-04-1820 -).
(w) Harriett (-1826 -).

Married and lived in Hancock County, Blanchard Township, Ohio. Engaged in the trade of a blacksmith.

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

4. ANDREW CRIST (11-27-1822 -).

No record of Andrew.

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

5. MARY ANN (Crist) (1-01-1826 -).
(h) George BRAUCHT (-1827 -).

Lived briefly in Hancock County, Ohio. No further information.

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

6. JOHN CRIST (1-05-1827 -).
(w) Maria A. (Roopard) (-1828 - 1856/60).

Married January 1, 1847. Lived in Tuscarawas County, Sandy Township, Ohio. Also lived in Fairfield Township of same County, and this is possibly where his wife died. John was usually working as a common laborer.

7 chn

A. Sarah A. Crist (1842 -).

B. Isaiah CRIST (8- -1843 -).
(w) Marietta (Riggle) (1845 -).

Married ca 1868. Their first piece of land was a scant eighteen acres, which they farmed next door to B. H. Rigggle, possibly the father of Marietta. Last contact was the 1900 census.

3 chn

1. Oralene E. (Crist) (1869 -).
(h) Paul EHLER (-).

Married circa 1890, and lived with her parents.

1 child

a. Paul EHLER (11- -1891 -).

2. Perry L. CRIST (9-25-1871 -).

3. Anna Bell Crist (5-16-1885 -).

C. William E. CRIST (11- -1848 -).
(w) Emily A. (McCaskey) (1851 -).

Married Carroll County, Ohio, July 1, 1871. Made their way as farmers, moving to Tuscarawas County, Sandy Township, Ohio, sometime prior to the end of the century. Emily was the daughter of Robert and Sarah McCaskey and had a sister, Ann R. McCaskey.

7 chn

1. Charles W. CRIST (6- -1872 -).
(w) Etta (Farber)(-).

Married December 24, 1898. Lived in Tuscarawas County, Sandy Township, Ohio.

2. Effie Mary Crist (7-16-1873 - 10-18-1876).

3. Elsie Edna Crist (4-20-1876 -).

4. Edmund CRIST (4-20-1876 -). Died in infancy. Twin.

5. Caroline A. Crist (6-24-1877 -).

6. Anna B. Crist (1878 -).

7. McCaskey CRIST (7-1-1880 -).

D. Jeremiah CRIST (-1850 -).

E. Franklin F. CRIST (-1854 -).

F. Clarissa Crist (-1856 -).

In 1870, John CRIST was living in Dover Township, and occupied as a furnace worker. He was living with a second wife, Amphies (1841 -) and living with sons Jeremiah (ore miner) and Franklin (tannery worker).

1 child

G. Martha Crist (-1866 -).

Children of JOHN CRIST (1790 - 1839) and their descendents---

7. ISAAC CRIST (11-03-1829 -).

Isaac appears in the 1850 census of Hancock County, Blanchard Township, Ohio and is living with his sister, Mary Ann, and her husband. Isaac is making his way as a farmer.

Children of NICHOLAS CRIST (1770 - 1840) and their descendents---

2. NICHOLAS CRIST, Jr. (-1804 - -1863).
(w) Sarah (Smith) (-1803 - -1870/80).

Married in Stark County, Ohio, on September 23, 1817. Obviously very young for marriage, Nicholas and Sarah lived with his parents for a spell. After selling their land in Carroll County, the young couple moved to Richland County, Jefferson Township, Ohio. Here they farmed 100 acres of land which he owned. His family was large, but his will mentions only a few.

7 chn

A. Edward M. CRIST (-1826 -).
(w) Lelitha (Litt) (-1830 -).

Married February 12, 1852. Lelitha was the daughter of Jacob and Catharine Litt of Richland County, Ohio.

B. John M. CRIST (-1836 -).
(w) Mahala (Butler) (-).

Married January 1, 1874.

C. Susanna Crist (-1840 -).

D. Rebecca Ellen Crist (-1842 -).

E. Mary Jane Crist (1844 -).

F. Isaac N. CRIST (1847 -).

G. Kate Ann Crist (1849 -).

Children of NICHOLAS CRIST (1770 - 1840) and their descendents---

3. PETER W. CRIST (1805 -).
(w) Christiane (Hatfield) (1805 -).

Married in Stark County, Ohio, on December 24, 1829. In 1850, they were living in Rose Township, Stark County, and occupied as a laborer. This is another of the sons of Nicholas that seemed to be swallowed up, for they have not been located after their move to other parts. The family that is on record is probably not complete.

5 chn

A. Nicholas CRIST (1835 -).

B. Sarah Ann Crist (1837 -).

C. John CRIST (1842 -).

D. Susan Crist (1845 -).

E. Isaiah CRIST (1849 -).

Children of NICHOLAS CRIST (1770 - 1840) and their descendents---

4. SAMUEL CRISS (1813 -).
(w) Hannah (1814 -).

Married prior to 1840 while living in Carroll County, Ohio. After the family had grown to four children, they moved to Fairfield Township of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Samuel followed his aunt Elizabeth and her children to Owen County, Indiana, when they made their exodus from Ohio after the death of John Crist, Jr., in 1845. Samuel was working as a cooper in Ohio, but took up the trade of farming in Indiana. Samuel was one of the first of the Nicholas's descendents to adopt the name CRISS as his grandfather had done earlier.

5 chn

A. John CRISS (1837 -).

B. George N. CRISS (9-30-1838 - 3-28-1886).
(w) Matilda L. (Schaffer) (-).

Married in Spencer County, Indiana, May 2, 1861. George was born in Carroll County, Ohio, prior to the move of his parents to Indiana. Matilda was the daughter of Elijah and Rhoda A. Schaffer.

5 chn

1. Clara J. (Criss) (1862 -).
(h) Henry VANDEVIER (-).

Married in Owen County, Indiana, November 16, 1882. Henry was the son of Peter Vandevier.

2. Mary Melissa Criss (1864 -).

3. William M. CRISS (10- -1866 -).
(w) Lydia (Magill) (2- -1868 -).

William was born in Indiana. Married to Lydia in Owen County, Spencer Township, Indiana, March 18, 1888. William was a carpenter.

2 chn

a. Edna (Criss) (5- -1889 -).
(h) Everett LONG (-).

Married Morgan County, Indiana, on July 18, 1914. Everett was the son of Henry and Margaret (McCary) Long.

b. Irma Criss (3- -1891 -).

4. Hannah Lanora (Criss) (7- -1870 -).
(h) George C. MULLIGAN (-).

Married March 15, 1891.

5. Grace Criss (1875 -).

C. Mary A. Criss (1843 -).

3087 D. Robert M. CRISS (1846 - ca 1869).
(w) Louisa (Greenwood) (-).
(h)2 David MYERS (-).

Robert was born in Ohio. Married Louisa August 16, 1866. After the death of Robert, Louisa married David Myers November 2, 1871. Louisa was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Greenwood.

no issue

E. Sarah J. Criss (1853 -).

This concludes the information on NICHOLAS CRIST, his children, and their descendents. NICHOLAS was the first born son of JOHN CRIST.

See page 19 for information on GEORGE CRISS, second born son of JOHN CRIST.

Children of JOHN CRIST/CRISS (ca 1741 - 1830) and their descendents---

2. GEORGE CRISS (1772 - 1850/60).
(w) Catterina (1775 - 1850/60).

George Criss was born at the home place on Harmon's Creek. He and Catterina were probably married in Pennsylvania before moving to the west. It was Jefferson County, Ohio, where the children started to appear on the census reports.

The 1830 census for Clinton Township shows a family of ten children, five boys and five girls. By 1840, the family has lessened to four sons and two daughters. It would appear that three of the girls have married. The 1850 census for Springfield Township had George and Catterina living next to the farms of three Criss gentlemen believed to be their sons. Interesting is the fact that three sons of George's brother, William Criss, are helping out on the farm. These men are Rezin D., John Crawford and James Criss.

10 chn - 3 known

1. THOMAS CRISS b. -1805 d. 1850/60
(w) Matilda (Carshel) b. -1799 d. 10-26-1887

see pages (19 - 20)

2. WILLIAM CRISS b. -1822 d.
(w) Elizabeth b. -1823 d.

see pages (20 - 20)

3. JACOB CRISS b. -1825 d.
(w) Ellen (Hunter) b. -1828 d.

see pages (21 - 21)

Children of GEORGE CRISS (1772 -) and their descendents---

1. THOMAS CRISS (1805 - 1850/60).
(w) Matilda (Carshel) (1799 - 1877).

Married August 5, 1824. Thomas and Matilda made their home in Jefferson County, Saline Township, Ohio. Matilda survived her husband, and in 1860 was living with sons Sanford and John. Matilda is buried at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

8 chn

A. Mary Criss (1827 -).

B. Charles CRISS (1830 -).

C. Jane Criss (1831 -).

D. Hannah (Criss) (1839 -).
(h) Larrison F. MAPLE (-).

Hannah and Larrison lived in 2nd ward of Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Maple was a grocer. The 1880 census had mother, Matilda Criss, living in.

4 chn

1. Emma A. Maple (1863 -).

2. Ida B. Maple (1867 -).

3. Mary F. McJ. Maple (1870 -).

4. Howard MAPLE (1879 -).

E. Elizabeth Criss (1840 -).

F. Sanford CRISS (1843 -).

G. Robert R. CRISS (10- -1846 -).
(w) Annie Z. (7- -1851 -).

Made their home in Washington County, Hanover Township, Pennsylvania.

2 chn

1. James L. CRISS (2- -1891 -).

2. Robert R. CRISS (12- -1897 -).

H. John CRISS (1847 -).

Children of GEORGE CRISS (1772 -) and their descendents---

2. WILLIAM CRISS (1822 -).
(w) Elizabeth (-).

William and his wife reared their family in the Springfield District of Jefferson County, Ohio.

5 chn

A. Jacob CRISS (1840 -).

B. John S. CRISS (1842 -).
(w) Sarah (Allen)(-).

Married by Justice of the Peace, John A. Farr, February 3, 1874.

C. Samuel CRISS (1844 -).

D. William CRISS (1846 -).

E. Nancy Criss (1848 -).

Children of GEORGE CRISS (1772 -) and their descendents---

3. JACOB CRISS (1825 -).
(w) Ellen (Hunter) (1828 -).

Jacob and Ellen lived in Jefferson County, Springfield Township, Ohio. They lived with Mr. Charles Hunter, a stonemason. Mr. Hunter was probably the father of Ellen.

1 child

A. Margaret Criss (1843 -).

This concludes the information on GEOGE CRISS, his children, and their descendents. George was the second born son of JOHN CRIST/CRISS. It is reported that George Criss died at Yellow Creek, which is near Wellsville, Ohio. A check of various cemeteries does not reveal his resting place.

JOHN CRIST, Jr., was the third son of John Crist, Sr., of Washington County, Pa. Like his older brothers, John, Jr., left home and sought his lot to the west. In 1810, he was living in Brooke County, West Virginia, and had a family of seven sons. By 1820, he had moved north into Columbiana County, Ohio, and then into Carroll County, Ohio, where he remained. John, Jr., had a family of fourteen, as obtained from the pages of the family Bible which was retained by the descendents of his son, Henry.

John, Jr., passed away in 1845, and a large number of his family, including Sarah, his wife, moved west to Owen County, Indiana. Some members remained in Carroll County, later moving north and then west. Contact between members of the family was fairly close, as much information on this family is available. It is interesting to note that land dealings of the family in Pennsylvania also took place in Carroll County.

It is felt that some of the legal documents afforded by the family should be made evident so that we might understand some of the events that took place before and after the death of John CRIST, Jr. Note that the name of "CRIST" was in use for some years, but not after the move to Indiana.

From Carroll County Deed Book 9, pgs 465 through 467:

Jacob CRISS to William CRISS: Know all men by these presents that I, Jacob CRISS of the County of Washington, State of Pennsylvania, in consideration of the sum of nine hundred dollars to me in hand paid by John CRISS of the County of Carroll and State of Ohio for the use of his son, William CRISS, have bargained and sold and do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said William CRISS, his heirs and assigns (and those holding under him) forever, the following premises situate in the County of Carroll, State of Ohio, to wit: The one undivided half of the west half of the southeast quarter of section number fourteen (14) in Township Section sixteen (16) or range six containing eighty acres..... In testimony whereof the said Jacob CRISS has hereunto set his hand and seal this twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, signed Jacob CRISS. Witness: Shaphat D. CRISS, and a Mr. Richey.

and:

Henry CRISS Administrator of John CRISS, decd, to William CRISS, received for record October 14, 1846.

Know all men by these presents that whereas John CRISS, late of the County of Carroll and State of Ohio on the ninth day of January in the year of one thousand eight hundred and forty one, entered into an agreement in writing with William CRISS (his son) of the same County and State, to sell to said William CRISS a certain tract of land in the County of Carroll and State of Ohio, for which he was to receive and did receive the sum of sixty six dollars, the said tract of land lies in Brown Township, Carroll County, Ohio, being of six acres off.....being a part of the same tract of land entered by William CRISS and Jacob CRISS of Washington County, Pennsylvania, as tenants in common and by said William, transferred to John CRISS, deceased. And whereas the said John CRISS, on or about the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, departed this life, not having in his lifetime made and delivered to said William CRISS a deed in fee simple for the undivided half of said land (the other undivided half of said land having been conveyed to said William CRISS by Jacob CRISS of Washington County, Pa.) and

afterwards to wit: At the May term of the court of common pleas held within and for the County of Carroll and State of Ohio, there came on for hearing before the said court, a petition in which Henry CRISS, Administrator with the Will annexed of John CRISS, deceased, was complainant, and Jacob CRISS and Shaphat D. CRISS of Carroll County, Ohio, Dr. John T. CRISS of Belmont County, Ohio, and Nicholas CRISS, William CRISS, Isaac CRISS, David CRISS, Jonathan CRISS, James CRISS, John LONG and Malinda (CRISS) LONG, his wife, of the County of Owen in the State of Indiana, were defendants to said petition. (the said defendants being the children, heirs and legatees of John CRISS, deceased) The said petition of said Administrator with the Will annexed prayed of said court to make and deliver to said William CRISS, a deed for the lands before described, etc.

Upon hearing of the same the court aforesaid at the May term thereof in the year of A. D. 1846, ordered that said Administrator with the Will annexed, make and deliver to the said William CRISS, a deed in fee simple, with covenants, of general warranty for the heirs and legal representives of the said John CRISS, deceased, the same as the said John CRISS would have done, or been bound to do, if living, for the lands in the petition mentioned, etc.

Reference to the Journal of said court will more fully show, etc. And now therefore, I the said Henry CRISS, Administrator with the Will annexed of John CRISS, deceased, in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the powers in me vested, do by these presents, grant, bargain, alien, and convey to the said William CRISS, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the said lands and tenements so sold aforesaid to wit: Six acres of land.....etc..... the whole of said land is now in the possession and occupancy of Sarah McNAMARA, to whom it has heretofore been sold and conveyed by the said William CRISS. With all and singular the appurtenances to have and to hold the said premises to him the said William CRISS and his assigns and those holding under him forever. And the said Henry CRISS, Administrator with the Will annexed of the estate of John CRISS, deceased, on part of the heirs and legal representatives of said estate, doth now warrant and forever defend the title to the above described premises to the said William CRISS, his heirs and assigns, and those holding under him, and all persons claiming under him, or other legal claims whatsoever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

signed - Henry CRISS

Executed in the presence of:

David Ebersole
William Brown

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At a special session of the Court of Common Pleas began and held at the Court House in connection with and for the County of Carroll and State of Ohio on the 23rd day of September, Anno Domini 1845 present the Honorable John Pearce as President Judge of the fifth Judicial Court of Ohio, Thomas Cummings and John Ebersole, Esqu., associate Judges of said Court in said County.

THE ESTATE OF JOHN CRISS, decd

On motion to the Court by John Brown, Esqu., the last Will and Testament of John CRISS, decd, was brought into Court, the two substantiating witnesses to said Will, to wit, James Morelidge and John Naham, came before the Court, and being duly qualified say that they saw the testator sign said Will at the end thereof in the presence of the witnesses, that the witnesses signed and attested said Will at the request and in the presence of the testator that the testator when he signed said Will was of sound mind and memory of full age and under no restraint, which testimony is hereby reduced to writing and filed, from which it appears that the said Will was regularly executed attested and proved as aforesaid the same is admitted to probate. There being no executor named in said last Will, and Sarah CRIST, the widow of the deceased having filed her written declination to administer upon the estate of her said husband, therefore the Court appoint Henry CRISS, administrator of said estate with the Will annexed, who is ordered to enter into bond in the final sum of four thousand dollars conditioned according to law with John Leyde and John Graham as his security, who are accepted as such by the Court, thereupon Robert Henry Simon Westfall and John Patterson were appointed appraisers of property.

Sarah CRISS elected to take under the Will of her said husband a lieu of dower.

signed - J. Pearce, Pres.

NOTE:

In a brief history of Augusta Township and Augusta by Taylor C. Woodward that was recently received in the Carrolltown Library, 60 typed pages and with an index.

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Augusta Township School Land #16 mentions that NW 1/4 of Section 16, was sold to John CRISS in 1832, the E 1/2 for $230.00, and W 1/2 for $400.00. He received a deed from Governor of the State, Duncan McArthur.

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CRIST, JOHN, Jr. b. 5-30-1774 d. 9-17-1845
(w) Sarah (Tolan)(Tolen) b. 10-01-1778 d. 7-16-1854

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JOHN CRIST, Jr., was the third son of John CRIST, Sr., and Ursilla (Hawkins) of Harmon's Creek, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Raised on the home farm named the "Hermitage," his early life remains a mystery. The family place being so close to the "panhandle" of what is now West Virginia, he became acquainted with his bride to be, Sarah (Tolan). They were married February 11, 1795, and evidently started their family in Brooke County, West Virginia. It was after 1810 when the family made their way into Carroll County, Ohio.

John CRIST, Jr., was buried at the Augusta Township Cemetery, in Carroll County, Ohio. The main part of the family moved shortly after to Owen County, Indiana, and mother Sarah was part of the movement. She passed away July 16, 1854, and was buried at the Vandalia Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana. She lived to see her family become respected members of the community.

14 chn

1. JACOB 10287 b. 2-09-1796 d.
(w) Christina (Ebersole) b. -1797 d.

see pages (27-27)

2. NICHOLAS 10281 b. 12-17-1797 d.
(w) Mary (Ebersole) b. ca-1801 d.

see pages (28-29)

3. WILLIAM 10288 b. 2-27-1800 d. 8-18-1862
(w) Nancy FRANCE b. -1800 d.

see pages (30-62)

4. JOHN T. 10289 b. 2-09-1802 d.
(w) Barbara (Brown) b. 1800-1810 d.

see pages (63-66)

5. HENRY 10290 b. 5-03-1804 d.
(w) Bathsheba (Walton) b. 5-16-1804 d. 11-20-1852
(w)2 Linnea (Myers) Heston b. 2-08-1816 d. 6-01-1900

see pages (67-70)

6. GEORGE 10291 b. 12-17-1806 d.
(w) unknown b. d.

see page (71)

7. SIR HAMBELTON 10292 b. 9-11-1809 d.
(w) unknown b. d.

see page (71)

8. JAMES T. 10296 b. 6-09-1810 d. 8-31-1871
(w) Mary (Myers) b. 1-31-1808 d. 8-14-1874

see pages (71-73)

9. ISAAC D. 10293 b. 3-17-1812 d. 1-19-1873
(w) Susannah ~~Frances~~ FRANCE (Swisher) b. -1815 d. 6-04-1892

see pages (73-77)

10. DAVID A. 10294 b. 1-12-1814 d. 9-29-1885
(w) Elizabeth (Graham) b. -1818 d.

see pages (77-80)

11. SHAPHAT DWYER 10295 b. 2-04-1816 d.
(w) Pernelia b. 7-23-1816 d.

see pages (80-81)

12. MALINDA 10297 b. 2-08-1818 d. 12-29-1892
(h) John LONG b. 12- -1817 d. 10-08-1892

see pages (81-82)

13. ELIAS DEVINE 10298 b. 2-04-1820 d.
(w) unknown b. d.

see page (82)

14. JONATHAN 10299 b. 11-04-1821 d. 2-17-1890
(w) Mary (Grimes) b. 3-01-1825 d. 1-25-1890

see pages (82-89)

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

1. JACOB CRIST (1796 -).
(w) Christina (Ebersole) (1797 -).

Married November 18, 1819. Christina was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Ebersole of Carroll County, Ohio, and the maternal grand daughter of Henry Etter of Franklin County, Pa. Jacob and Christina lived in Brown Township, Carroll County, and was a tailor by trade.

In 1840, the family consisted of five daughters and three sons. Little is known of the family, for their existence seems to cease after 1860.

8 chn (4 known)

A. John CRIST (1825 -).

B. Bethsheba CRISS (1832 -).

C. David CRISS (1834 - 1865). Married Lydia Ann (Taylor), (4-22-1838 - 3-13-1932), the tenth child of Pim and Keziah Taylor. She was raised in Minerva, Ohio, and was living there when she met and married David Andrew CRISS, August 11, 1855. David was the brother of Henry CRISS.

Lydia and David moved to Indiana where he enlisted in the Union Army, served in Co. E, First Michigan Cavalry. He was captured and imprisoned, where he became quite ill, so was released. He left the prison on horseback and while riding through a town, so weak was he from mistreatment and disease, that he fell from his horse and died.

Lydia Ann returned to Minerva, Ohio, with her two small girls, and built her home. She took up the trade of tailoring, and later, with her younger sister, opened a milinery shop in Minerva and Augusta. She married for the second time to Mr. George King, and they moved to Homeworth, Ohio. After his death, she returned to Minerva and built a new house, and lived there until her death in March of 1932.

4 chn

1. son (died in infancy)

2. Clara CRISS (10-25-1857 - 1-31-1949). Born Pekin, Carroll County, Ohio, second child of David and Lydia Ann CRISS. Married James Meldrum Chrystal SIMPSON on Mar 14, 1877. James was born Sept 26, 1853, the son of Sir Peter Simpson and Lady Margaret Leith Chrystal who are of the Gordon and Kan Katten clan. James became a US citizen in 1881, and operated a small greenhouse in Pittsburgh, later in Minerva. He purchased a general store, became postmaster, Squire and Notary. He died July 12, 1921, and is buried in East Lawn in Minerva, Ohio. No further record.

3. son (died in infancy)

4. Mettie Zoe CRISS, (1862 -). Lived with her mother in Carroll County, Ohio. Reportedly married a Mr. Hibbets. No further info.

D. Madison CRISS, (1842 -). No further record.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

2. NICHOLAS CRIST (1797 -).
(w) Mary E. (Ebersole) (ca 1800 - 1846/50).

Married February 20, 1821. Mary was the sister of Christina, wife of Jacob Crist, and daughter of John and Elizabeth Ebersole of Carroll County, Ohio.

Nicholas and Mary raised their large family in Carroll County, and the records would indicate at least thirteen children. It is evident that at least part of this large family made the move to Indiana with the family of John, Jr., and then tragedy struck down various members of the group. In the history of Owen County, Indiana, regarding cemeteries, mention of the principal burying ground just southwest of Vandalia brings forth the following information. Among the first burials here were Nicholas CRISS, Sr., Nicholas CRISS, Jr., and Mrs. CRISS. As we find no record of Nicholas and his wife in the 1850 census, it is felt that their demise took place during the latter part of the 1840/50 period. Several attempts to locate their tombstones have been made to no avail. Many of the stones of other members of the family have been located in the various Vandalia cemeteries, and photographed for record purposes. Most of the family that settled in the area were farmers, and it was probably the trade of Nicholas. No land records are available on Nicholas, so he must have passed away before he could become established.

13 chn

~~A. Ruth CRISS (1825 - 1-24-1862). No further record.~~

~~B. John CRISS (-). No further record.~~
~~(w) Margarette (-).~~

C. Cynthia Ann CRISS (1827 -).
(h) Daniel CHRISTIAN (1817 -).

Cynthia and Daniel were married circa 1847, and lived on the farm next to her Uncle, David A. CRISS.

2 chn

1. John W. CHRISTIAN (1848 -). No further record.
2. David CHRISTIAN (1849 -). No further record.

~~D. Susannah CRISS (1829 -). Evidently orphaned and living with Uncle and Aunt, William and Nancy CRISS.~~

~~E. Jonathan CRISS (1832 - 2-01-1864).~~
(w) Mahala J. (Crisp) (1837 -).

Jonathan and Mahala married Aug 13, 1853, in Owen County, Indiana. She also went by the name of Marilee on census reports. Jonathan was noted as a carpenter by trade. After the death of Jonathan at Lagrange, Tennessee during the Civil War, Mahala lived next door to her mother and stepfather.

2 chn

1. James W. CRISS (1856 -). bn Indiana, no further record.

2. Alice CRISS (1859 -). bn Indiana, no further record.

F. Henry CRISS (1833 -).
(w) Nancy A. (Hissong) (1838 -).

Henry and Nancy were married Apr 27, 1854, and raised their family in Washington Township, Owen County, Ind. Henry was a teamster by trade. Divorced 1870/78.

6 chn

1. John W. CRISS (1856 -). No further record.

2. Sarah B. CRISS (1858 -). No further record.

3. James R. CRISS (1860 -). Evidently married but no record of wife. Had a daughter, Alice, (1890 -). 1900 census has James living with mother, Nancy, and daughter in Paragon Township, Morgan County, Indiana. No further record.

4. Nancy J. CRISS (1864 -). No further record.

5. Jeremiah CRISS (1867 -). No further record.

6. Abraham CRISS (1870 -). No further record.

Henry CRISS, father of the above, remarried after his divorce to Nancy, a widow or divorcee, Mary J. (1850 -). Lived Mason Co., Illinois. Stepchildren were:

a. Cara E. McCoy (1870 -). No further record.

b. John A. W. McCoy (1872 -). No further record.

c. Eliza C. Henry (1877 -). No further record.

G. Ada CRISS (1834 -). Married a Mr. WALGAMATT. No further record.

H. Lydia CRISS (1835 -). No further record.

I. Jeremiah CRISS (1836 -). No further record.

J. Rachel Ann CRISS (1838 -). Married Laban P. GRAHAM June 9, 1860. No further record.

K. Nicholas CRISS, Jr. (1839 -). Possibly died at early age, and is buried with parents at the Vandalia Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana.

L. Peter CRISS (1840 -). Peter was living next door to the David A. CRISS farm with John and Sarah Christian after death of parents.

M. Mary Ellen CRISS (1844 -). No further record.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10788. WILLIAM CRISS (1800- -1862).
(w) Nancy (France) (8-21-1800 - 5-09-1863).

Married circa 1825. Lived in Columbiana County, Ohio, and the birth dates of the children indicat the move to Indiana took place close to 1845. Lived in Owen County, Morgan Township, Indiana. Buried Vandalia Cemetery, Vandalia, Ind.

10 chn

Only name listed

A. Henry CRISS (7-08-1824 - 8-05-1877).
(w) Julieth Frances (Roberts) (-1830 -).

10 30

Henry was the first born of the marriage of William and Nancy CRISS. He and Julieth were married in Spencer Township, Owen County, Indiana, on July 13, 1848. Julieth was reported as born in Illinois.

Henry CRISS at age 42, went off to fight in the Civil War. Entering service at Terre Haute, Indiana, on Mar 22, 1865. He was described on his army papers as:

5 foot - nine inches tall, eyes - gray, hair - light.

Henry was mustered out under Honorable Conditions, Oct 5, 1865, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Henry CRISS died in a tragic accident as reported by the Owen County Journal:

Thursday, August 7, 1877

A Sad Accident

Mr. Henry Criss, a respectable citizen, a worthy and consistent member of the Christian Church, and holding the office of Deacon in the Vandalia congregation, met with a premature death Saturday 28th inst. Mr. C. with his boys, was harvesting, hauling and stacking hay, he doing the stacking. He had a hay stack built up ten or twelve feet high and at about 11:30 o'clock a. m., the bell rang for dinner. Mr. C. dropped his fork down by the side of the stack, sat down upon the edge, and was talking with his boys a few words before starting for dinner. He then slid from the stack coming in contact with the end of the fork handle, the same entered the rectum going in from 12 to 16 inches, lacerating the intestines terribly. He lived and suffered most intensely until

yesterday eve about dark, living about thirty one or two hours when he died.

Vandalia, July 30, 1877.

JULIETH FRANCES ROBERTS

A. Henry and Julieth lived the life of a farm family, and raised their family in the Vandalia area. After the death of Henry, it is not know what happened to Julieth, but it's highly possible she lived with one of the children.

8 chn

1. Nancy J. (Criss) (-1849 - prior 1880).
   (h) James G. MUSTARD (-1848 -).

   Nancy and James were married in Owen County, Spencer Township, Ind., on November 7, 1869.

2. Levi Henry CRISS (-1851 -).
   (w) Mary Alice (Walker) (-1856 -).

   Married in Owen County, Spencer Township, Indiana, on March 3, 1872. Levi worked various farms as a laborer during the early stages of his marriage. Moved to Nodaway County, Missouri, prior to 1880.

4 chn

a. Alice Criss (1-29-1873 - 5-28-1873). Infant

b. William A. CRISS (-1875 -).

c. Anna S. (Criss) (12-18-1884 -).
(h) Ira GROWN (-).

Anna was born in Missouri. Married Green Co., Ind., 11-12-1908.

3. Calvin William CRISS (7-04-1854 - 5-10-1904).
(w) Sarah E. Scott (Willigman) (1-15-1855 -).

Married Owen County, Spencer Township, Indiana, April 14, 1878. Lived Lafayette and Washington Townships of Owen County. After the death of Calvin, Sarah lived with a daughter, Bessie May. Bessie married in 1911, and it may be that this took place after the death of her mother. Sarah was born in Indiana.

7 chn (5 known)

a. Ada R. (Criss) (-1879 -).
(h) Ora S. CRISP (-).

Married September 9, 1897. Was a farmer in Owen County, Ind.

b. Dennis William CRISS (7-08-1881 - -1943).
(w) Olive Alice (Blair) (3-13-1883 - -1967).

Married February 11, 1906. Olive was daughter of Jeremiah and Hester Blair. Dennis was a railroad man.

1 child

1. Mary E. Criss (-1907 -).

c. Ann Bell (Criss) (-1883 -).
(h) Darrell STULTZ (-).

Married February 17, 1900. Darrell was the son of Audy and Olley L. Stultz.

d. John Curtis CRISS (4-04-1884 - -1955).
(w) Prissella (Arthur) (-1885 - -1971).

Married November 17, 1906. Was a blacksmith and lived in Owen County, Franklin Township, Indiana.

1 child

1. Arthur C. CRISS (3-11-1907 -).
(w) Helen L. (Light) (10-24-1909 -).

Married June 6, 1929. Lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Served in U. S. Marine Corps. Retired from Carrier Corporation.

6 chn

a. Dianne Criss (12-24-1931 -).

b. Cathy Criss (5-02-1938 -).

c. Sarah Criss (-1940 -).

d. Curtis CRISS (12-28-1942 -).

e. Prissella Jo Criss (-).

f. Eddie CRISS (-1944 -).

e. Bessie May (Criss) (10-11-1891 -).
(h) Bushrod Wm. YOCKEY (2-01-1886 -).

Was living in Owen County, Washington Township, Indiana, with her mother prior to marriage. Married Mr. Yockey May 17, 1911.

4. Allen A. CRISS (-1861 - -1929).
(w) Elnora E. (Casida) (-1860 -).

Married Owen County, Indiana, December 4, 1880.

ANNA CRISS MARY CYNTHIA CRISS
~~ALLEN A.~~ CRISS
CALVIN

4 chn

a. Elsworth CRISS (9- -1881 -).
(w) Bertha Marie (Riley) (6-27-1896 - 2-20-1979).

Married in Owen County, Indiana, October 13, 1917. Bertha was the daughter of Moses and Laura (Hampton) Riley.

ELSWORTH and BERTHA CRISS

3 chn

1. Mary Lorraine (Criss) (9-06-1918 -).
(h) Noble HALE (-).

Married 1940.

3 chn

a. Margaret Romana Hale (4-24-1943 -).

b. Jonathon HALE (12-26-1945 -).

c. Thomas HALE (10-02-1953 - -1968).

2. Margaret Ann (Criss) (1-29-1922 -).
(h) Edward John GREEN (3-13-1922 -).

Married in Lamar County, Texas, on July 8, 1945. Edward was born in Manhattan County, New York, son of Joseph Aloysius and Margaret Kelly Green. Edward is retired from military service. His wife also served in the Army Nurse Corps as a 2nd Lieut.

4 chn

a. Edward John GREEN, Jr. (4-24-1946 -).
(w) Susan Ruth (Nyland) (10-03-1947 -).
(w)2 Donna Faye (Roberts) (7-19-1947 -).

Married Susan Nyland in San Francisco, Calif., November 25, 1967. Susan is the daughter of Andrew and Ruth Nyland. Marriage ended in divorce.

Married Donna Roberts in San Diego County, Calif., March 30, 1973. Donna is the daughter of Eston and Madgie Faye (Weaver) Roberts.

2 chn (w)1
1 child (w)2

1. Kelly Ann Green (9-22-1968 -).

2. Candace Lynn Green (1-01-1970 -).

3. Erin Elizabeth Green (11-07-1978 -).

b. Kathleen Ann Marie (Green) (12-30-1947 -).
(h) John HUGHES (-).

Married Nov. 21, 1967. John is the son of Henry and Elizabeth Hughes.

4 chn

1. Christina Marie Hughes (4-07-1968 -).

2. John Henry HUGHES (4-11-1974 -).

3. Thomas Edward HUGHES (5-06-1975 -).

4. Jenny Elizabeth Hughes (10-13-1980 -).

c. Annette Cecile (Green) (5-07-1953 -).
(h) Howard GLASS, Jr. (3-03-1954 -).

Married Jan. 12, 1974, in Arlington, Virginia. Howard is the son of Howard and Sonia Barbara (Farrow) Glass. Marriage ended in divorce.

1 child

1. Koen Oscar GLASS (8-29-1975 -).

d. Maureen Michele (Green) (9-08-1956 -).
(h) David Mitchell SHANNON (7-22-1955 -).

Married February 18, 1978, in Ventura County, Calif.
David is the son of William Raymond and Delores Ann Shannon.

no known issue

b. Rufus A. CRISS (7- -1884 - 1-30-1977).
(w) Ruth (McCormick) (-).
(w)2 Edith (Carhuff) (- -1927).
(w)3 Josie Z. (Fry) (- -1966).

Married Edith in 1911.
Married Josie in 1930.

1 child (w)1
1 child (w)2
no issue (w)3

1. Thomas CRISS (5-29-1910 -).
(w) Ida Mildred (Harsh) (-).
(w)2 Ina (Surface) (-).

no issue

2. Grace (Criss) (-).
(h) Albert BRADISON (-).

no issue

c. Pearl (Criss) (11-16-1886 -).
(h) Alva WINGER (3-12-1892 - 3-17-1980).

Married Montgomery County, Indiana, November 25, 1914.

4 chn

1. Forest WINGER (5-25-1917 - 1-30-1977).
(w) Dorothy (Martin) (11-16-1917 -).

Married in Montgomery County, Indiana, February 22, 1938.
Dorothy is the daughter of William R. and Gracie (Burkart) Martin.

6 chn

a. Fred WINGER (7-28-1938 -). Kevin Winger
(w) Rita (Hole) (June 14, 1940). Sept 11, 196
Christopher
Sept 12, 196

Married January 24, 1959.

issue unknown

b. Ralph WINGER (8-18-1939 -).
(w) Margie (Dyer) (-).

Married Jan 18, 1962.

issue unknown

c. Beverly (Winger) (7-25-1941 -).
(h) Harold C. WALKER (-).

Married December 13, 1959.

issue unknown

d. Delores (Winger) (9-03-1943 -).
(h) Edward SAFFORD (-).

Married October 10, 1962.

issue unknown

e. Nancy (Winger) (6-24-1947 -).
(h) Eugene B. MOORE (-).

Married June 18, 1966.

issue unknown

f. Mary Ann Winger (11-27-1951 -).

2. Dorothy (Winger) (8-13-1918 -).
(h) James SHUMATE (2-07-1918 -).

Married Hendricks County, Indiana, August 15, 1937. James is a son of Arval R. and Lottie (Cundiff) Shumate.

3 chn

a. Ronald L. SHUMATE (9-12-1938 -).
(w) Patricia Kay (Dice) (1-09-1941 -).

Married August 21, 1960.

2 chn

1. Bradley Scott SHUMATE (7-19-1963 -).

2. Marc Todd SHUMATE (5-21-1969 -).

a. Michael D. SHUMATE (4-11-1945 -).
(w) Dale Ellen (Stark) (9-22-1947 -).

Married in Marion County, Indiana, June 14, 1969. Dale is the daughter of George and Maribel (Snider) Stark.

issue unknown

b. Daniel J. SHUMATE (6-03-1958 -).

3. Ester (Winger) (10-13-1920 -).
(h) Hubert HAMM (7-14-1918 -).

Married in Fountain County, Indiana, July 14, 1941. Hubert is the son of Francis M. and Olice E. (Redman) Hamm.

3 chn

a. Joyce (Hamm) (4-07-1948 -).
(h) Joseph E. REES (-).

Married October 7, 1971.

issue unknown

b. Jane Hamm (3-05-1951 -).

c. Becky (Hamm) (2-12-1957 -).
(h) (-).

Married September 22, 1979. Nothing further.

4. Alvin WINGER (-).
(w) Mary (McBee) (1-21-1925 -).

Married in Montgomery County, Indiana, October 2, 1946. Mary is the daughter of Isaac C. and Hallie (Henderson) McBee.

3 chn

a. Phil WINGER (1-14-1947 -).
(w) Jan E. (Vester) (-).

Married June 7, 1969.

issue unknown

b. Rodger WINGER (9-24-1949 -).
(w) Deborah (Delp) (-).

c. Keith WINGER (2-06-1953 -).
(w) Laureen (Lessie) (-).

Married April 19, 1980. No further record.

Left to right---

Ellsworth Criss, Hugh Cash, Pearl (Criss) Winger,
Anna (Cooksey) Shunk, Rufus Criss, Edith (Cooksey) Baxter,
Roy Cooksey, Homer Cooksey, Grafton Criss

(see pg 36) d. Grafton CRISS (6-30-1891 - 9-15-1965),
(w) Louella M. (Henderson) (10-14-1893 - 10-02-1977).

Married in Montgomery County, Indiana, December 29, 1910.
Louella was the daughter of Emmett and Lydia (Pugh) Henderson.

2 chn

1. Josephine (Criss) (5-19-1913 -).
(h) Asher Earl HEATON (5-20-1908 -).

Married November 21, 1931, in Vigo County, Indiana. Asher was born in Boone County, Indiana, the son of Charley and Grace (Davis) Heaton.

no issue

2. Jeannette (Criss) (7-03-1915 -).
(h) Ira Marsh LITTLETON (8-22-1916 - 6-30-1973).

2. (concl)

Married Marion County, Indiana, September 23, 1935.

7 chn

a. Ira March LITTLETON (3-14-1936 -).
(w) Nancy (Bradley) (-).
(w)2 Juanita (Christadaln) (-).

no issue

b. Jo Marie (Littleton) (5-06-1937 -).
(h) Edward GRIGSBY (-).

Married May 1, 1956, in Marion County, Indiana.

4 chn

1. Carl Edward GRIGSBY (-).

2. Jonnie Lee GRIGSBY (-).

3. Lee Scott GRIGSBY (-).

4. Robert Leland GRIGSBY (-).

c. Marylyn (Littleton) (9-04-1938 -).
(h) Richard SMITH (6-24-1936 -).

Married in Henry County, Indiana, July 15, 1955.
Richard is the son of Clarence and Irene (Jones) Smith.

5 chn

1. Jeffery Eugene SMITH (6-03-1956 -).

2. Bryan Clarence SMITH (8-11-1957 -).
(w) Bentrisha (Short) (-).

Married August of 1976.

1 child

a. Bryan SMITH, Jr. (-).

3. Paula Smith (9-11-1958 -).

4. Gary Bruce SMITH (5-16-1961 -).
(w) Gail (Riddle) (-).

Married July 19, 1980.

5. Cristopher SMITH (10-31-1938 -).

d. Carolyn (Littleton) (9-04-1938 -).
(h) John EVANS (-).

Married September 2, 1956.

3 chn

1. John EVANS, Jr. (-).

2. Marylin Evans (-).

3. Penny Lynn Evans (-).

e. Korine (Littleton) (10-28-1944 -).
(h) Don CHILDS (-).

Married May 14, 1965.

f. Gregory LITTLETON (9-23-1950 -).
(w) Teri (Bates) (-).

Married in March of 1971.

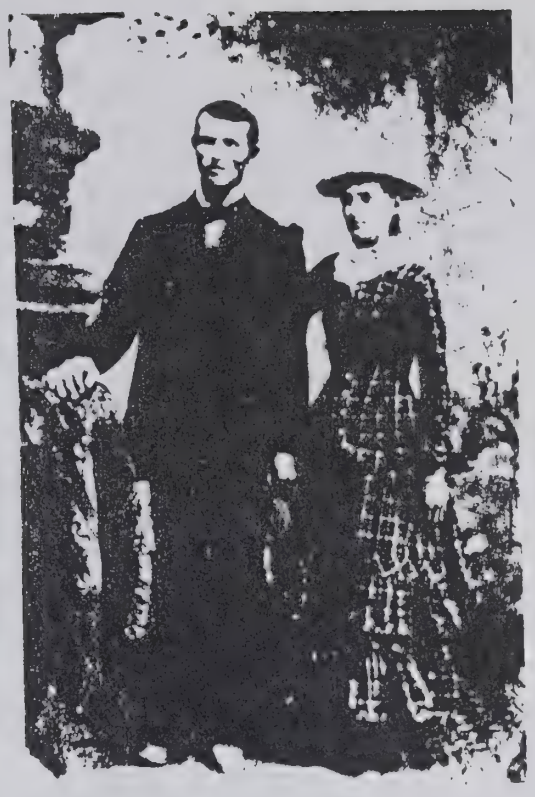
g. Kathleen (Littleton) (7-13-1953 -).
(h) Edward R. MENDENHALL (-).

Married in September of 1974.

SARAH (TOLEN) CRISS

1778 - 1854

Vandalia, Ind.



CHARLES and LYDIA ANN CASH

CHARLES CASH FAMILY

Left to right--

CHARLES, HUGH, LYDIA ANN, ALLEN, BERTHA,
JULIA, GLEN, DENNIS

5. Lydia Ann (Criss) (-1864 -).
(h) Charles CASH (-).

Charles and Lydia Ann were married in Owen County, Indiana, town of Vandalia, December 4, 1880. Little information is available on this couple. In 1885, they were living in Nodaway County, Missouri. In later years they were reported to to live in Nebraska. No trace has been found, and it is hoped that other descendents will come up with the missing information on such a handsome family.

6 chn

a. Bertha Cash (-).

b. Hugh CASH (-).

c. Allen CASH (-).

d. Julia Cash (-).

e. Dennis CASH (-).

f. Glen CASH (-).

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6. Mary Cynthia (Criss) (12-07-1867 - 9-10-1944).
(h) Samuel Louis COOKSEY (7-02-1859 - 7-09-1928).

Samuel and Mary Cynthia were married June 6, 1883. Samuel was the son of John and Hulda M. (Ellis) Cooksey, of Virginia and Indiana. Samuel and Mary were the grandparents of cousin Dow Cooksey of Danville, Illinois, and one that has provided many of the old family pictures for this book.

Mary Cynthia is interred at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Douglas County, Illinois.

7 chn

10 32

a. Homer Wyatt COOKSEY (7- -1883 - -1954).
(w) Pearl (Thompson) (12-25-1890 - -1970).

Homer born Owen County, Indiana. Married to Pearl on October 9, 1910. Pearl was born in Owen County, and is buried at Camargo, Illinois. Homer is buried at New Ross Indiana.

1 child

1. John Samuel COOKSEY (-).

John Samuel is reported to be an Army veteran, and saw service during WW II.

MARY CYNTHIA CRISS, ca 1882

(1867 - 1944)

SAMUEL COOKSEY FAMILY -

Upper - RAY HOMER WYATT ANNA ROSELLE ROY

Lower - ALVA DOW SAMUEL GERTRUDE MARY CYNTHIA EDITH

940 924 b. Anna Rosella (Cooksey) (12-25-1890 - S/B 13).
(h) Elmer J. SHUNK (-1887 - 2-16-1962).

Anna and Elmer were married in Owen County, Indiana, October 9, 1910. Elmer was born in Owen County, and made his living as a farmer.

Anna is buried at Oakridge Cemetery, Camargo, Illinois.

3 chn

943 1. Ivan Oscar SHUNK (1-25-1912 -).
(w) Leota Myrtle (Henry) (4-22-1913 -).

Married October 8, 1932. 4 chn (unknown)

941 2. Nina M. (Shunk) (-).
(h) Charles AKERS (-).

Charles was a railroad man. Buried at Villa Grove, Illinois.

4 chn (unknown)

942 3. Irma (Shunk) (3-29-1915 - 5- -1984).
(h) H. Byrl HOEL (8-29-1912 -).

Married December 22, 1937. Irma born Newman, Ill., and is buried at the Newman Cemetery. Byrl born in Tuscola, Illinois.

3 chn (unknown)

10322 c. Ray L. COOKSEY (1-29-1896 - 8-09-1958).
(w) Gertrude (Kewitt) (-).

Ray was born in Owen County, Indiana, and is buried at Clifton, Illinois.

2 chn

1. Lois Cooksey (-). Infant.

2. Eva (Cooksey) (-).
(h) BOMA (-).

10323 d. Roy William COOKSEY (1-29-1896 - 7-30-1958).
(w) Delores (Daugherty) (-).

Roy and Delores married January 29, 1923. Roy is the twin of Ray L. Cooksey. A Veteran of WW I, buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Douglas County, Illinois.

1 child

1. Betty Ann (Cooksey) (-).
(h) SAXMA (-).

10324

e. Gertrude Elizabeth (Cooksey) (10-26-1897 - 1-30-1977).
(h) Elbert BLAISDELL (- -1923).
(h)2 Edward LYKINS (-).

Elbert and "Lizzie" were married in 1920. Born in Owen County, Indiana, she is buried at Catlin, Illinois.

2 chn (h)1

1. Elmer M. BLAISDELL (-).

Veteran of WWW II. Wounded in Italy.

2. Kathleen (Blaisdell) (-).
(h) SWIDER (-).

Married 1942.

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f. Alva Dow COOKSEY (7-13-1899 - 11-25-1938).
(w) Virgie Jewell (Pate) (6-13-1900 -).
(h)2 William Arthur MUSK (-).

Alva and Virgie married February 1, 1919. Alva buried Floral Hill Cemetery, Danville, Illinois.

7 chn (h)1
1 child (h)2

1. Clara Cynthia (Cooksey) (11-02-1919 - 2-06-1961).
(h) Elmer Orvin LONG (- 9- -1983).

Married November 7, 1936, at Hoopeston, Illinois. Clara is interred at Floral Hill Cemetery, Danville, Illinois.

8 chn

MOTHER

Left to right - DOW DOROTHY VIRGIE COOKSEY MARGARET
ARTHUR MUSK DARLENE HUBERT CLARA June 13, 1950

a. Barbara Joyce (Long) (11-05-1937 -).
(h) Boyd GOSSER (-).

Married May 1, 1956, Hoopeston, Ill. 4 chn (unk)

b. Nancy Janet (Long) (3-20-1940 -).
(h) John D. NEAL (-).

Married March 10, 1956. 2 chn (unk)

c. Winnie Lee (Long) (7-07-1941 -).
(h) James ROACH (-).

Married February 23, 1957, Hoopeston, Ill. 4 chn (unk)

d. Herbert Elmer LONG (7-20-1943 -).
(w) Sue Orr (Ferriss) (-).

e. Brenda Kay Long (1-02-1945 -).

f. James Orvin LONG (6-16-1947 -).
(w) Barbara (Lary) (-).
(w)2 Sharon ( ) (-).

g. Marsha Sue (Long) (5-02-1949 -).
(h) Donald CROPPER (-).

Married June 3, 1967, Hoopeston, Ill. 2 chn

h. Ronald Philip LONG (9-10-1951 -).
(w) Michelle (Tweedy) (-).

Married June 3, 1972

2. Geneva Darlene (Cooksey) (10-05-1922 - 2-15-1984).
(h) Charles R. CADE (- 1- -1985).

Married November 18, 1939, Hoopeston, Ill.

4 chn

a. Charles Larry CADE (7-19-1941 -).
(w)1 Barbara (Stewart) (-).
(w)2 Pam Thornburgh (Marlatt) (-).
(w)3 Rose (Nelk) (-).

b. Jackie Lee CADE (11-16-1944 -).
(w) Linda (Ellet) (-).

c. Rickie Lynn CADE (11-18-1949 -).
(w) Sondra (Green) (-).

Married November 14, 1968.

d. Barry Dee CADE (12-08-1952 -).
(w) Donna (Smith) (-).

Married September 12, 1972. 1 child (unk)

(w)2 Brenda (Gordon) (-).
(w)3 Cindy (Blalock) (-).

3. Margaret Evelyn (Cooksey) (10-08-1925 - 1-07-1979).
(h) Albert F. CROTHERS (-).

Married June 17, 1941, at Hoopeston, Ill. No issue.

4. Dorothy Fern (Cooksey) (11-15-1928 -).
(h) Charles W. COX (-).

Married September 13, 1946.

2 chn

a. Cathy Kay (Cox) (11-28-1952 -).
(h) John OLIVER (-).

Married August 14, 1973.

b. William Jay COX (5-12-1965 -).

5. Alva Dow COOKSEY, Jr. (3-20-1930 -).

Born Edgar County, Paris, Illinois.

6. Hubert Paul COOKSEY (9-21-1934 - 12-02-1956).

Born Newman, Illinois. Killed in auto accident, and interred Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, Illinois.

7. Hugh Pate COOKSEY (9-21-1934 - 9-21-1934). Infant.

Twin brother of Hubert Paul Cooksey.

8. Arthur J. MUSK (7-27-1944 -).
(w) Penny (Edwards (-).

10326 Edith (Cooksey) (10-16-1901 -).
(h) Vance BAXTER (-).

Edith born in Owen County, Indiana.

Samuel Cooksey, with a family of four boys and three girls, moved west to Illinois in 1912. The family lived near Newman and Hume, Illinois.

Samuel was the grand son of Vinson and Sarah Cooksey, both of Virginia. They made their home in Owen County, Morgan Township, Indiana, where they farmed.

error should read grand son

3. Under WILLIAM CRISS (1800 - 1862).

1. James William CRISS (10-28-1825 - 4-08-1862).
(w) Rachel Jane (Williams) (-1832 -).
(h)2 Joseph SNODGRASS (- 1-07-1865).
(h)3 Joel B. TILLEY (-).
(h)4 DEVLIN (-).

James William Criss was the second child of the marriage of William and Nancy Criss, and was born in Owen County, Morgan Township, Indiana.

James and Rachel were married July 1, 1847, probably in Owen County. Both were born in Indiana.

Evidently involved in the Civil War, James died and is interred at La-Grange, Tennessee.

After the death of James, Rachel married Joseph Snodgrass, October 29, 1863. After the death of Joseph, Rachel married Joel Tilley, April 1, 1866. No information on this marriage. Rachel took as a third husband, one Mr. Devlin. No further information on the life of Rachel.

8 chn (h)1

1. John William CRISS (7-25-1848 -).
(w) Julia A. (-).

John and Julia lived for awhile in Nodaway County, Missouri. In the year 1885, they purchased land in the Village of New Conception. In 1888, they sold this parcel of land, clearing $8.60 on sale. At the time, the couple was living in Atchison County, Missouri.

2. Sarah Evaline (Criss) (8-25-1849 -).
(h) Charles MACE (-).

Charles and Sarah were married June 15, 1876.

3. Daniel Willson CRISS (10-28-1850 - 5-07-1935).
(w) Ella Elizabeth (McCormack) (7-06-1852 - 6-26-1928).

Lived and raised their family in Nebraska. Both are buried at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha.

7 chn

a. Ada Gertrude (Criss) (10-12-1875 - 4-14-1909).
(h) Robert Kinnons ARCHER (-).

7 chn

1. Ada Gertrude (Archer) (12-09-1892 - 10-15-1965).
(h) Clarence Edwin HEADRICK (11-13-1891 - 7-10-1966).

Married December 25, 1912. Ada Gertrude was born in Sheridan, Missouri, and is buried at Nodaway Memorial Gardens, Nodaway, Missouri.

Clarence Headrick was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri and is also interred at Nodaway Memorial Gardens.

8 chn

a. Helen Gertrude Headrick (1-17-1914 - 2-06-1914). Inf.

Born/died at Burlington Junction, Missouri. Buried at Quitman West Cemetery.

b. Clarence Edwin HEADRICK, Jr. (2-05-1915 -).
(w) Georgia (Shelton) (2-22-1917 -).

Married June 4, 1939. Clarence was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri.

no issue

c. Vera Evelyn (Headrick) (8-30-1916 -).
(h) Eldon H. WILLIAMS (7-11-1915 - 7-06-1977).

Married August 22, 1936, at Lawrence, Kansas. Vera was born at Wheatland, Wyoming. Eldon was born at Maryville, Missouri, and is buried at Nodaway Memorial Gardens, Nodaway, Missouri.

3 chn

1. Betty Annette (Williams) (-)
(h) NELSON (-)

2. Larry Edward WILLIAMS (-).

3. Beverly Joanne (Williams) (-)
(h) GARDNER (-)

d. Mildred Maxine (Headrick) (8-08-1918 -).
(h) Laverne WORL (5-04-1914 -).
(h)2 George SUTER (5-13-1910 -).

Married Mr. Worl August 14, 1938. Divorced. Married Mr. Suter, November 26, 1966.

2 chn (h)1

1. Roger Laverne WORL (-).

2. Margaret Elaine (Worl) (-).
(h) FARLEY (-).

e. Leland Laverne HEADRICK (3-22-1920 -).
(w) Betty May (McClanahan) (-).

Married March 20, 1949. Leland was born in Burlington Junction, Missouri.

3 chn

1. Beverly Jane (Headrick) (-).
(h) KOOGLER (-).

2. Jerry HEADRICK (-).

3. Nancy Jo (Headrick) (-).
(h) WORTS (-).

f. Anna Luella (Headrick) (7-02-1922 -).
(h) Paul MOERHING (1-27-1921 -).

Married October 27, 1945. Anna Luella born at Burlington Junction, Missouri.

1 child

1. Anna Paulette (Moerhing) (-).
(h) BAZAN (-).

g. Coleta Irene (Headrick) (1-11-1925 -).
(h) Glen RENSHAW (7-19-1923 -).

Married January 14, 1946. Coleta Irene was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri. Glen was born at Maryville, Missouri.

1 child

1. Shirley Diane (Renshaw) (-).
(h) SMOCK (-).

h. James Robert HEADRICK (10-20-1928 -).
(w) Maybelle (Hajek) (7-09-1933 -).

Married June 22, 1963, at Tyndell, South Dakota. James was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri. Maybelle was born at Tyndell, South Dakota.

2 chn

1. Tamara Sue Headrick (-).

2. Sandra Marie Headrick (-).

2. Hazel Ethel (Archer) (2-09-1895 - 9- -1978).
(h) John Richard YATES (10-28-1894 - 9-27-1972).

Married December 15, 1914, at Nodaway County, Missouri. Hazel was born Sheridan, Missouri. John was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri. Both are interred at Fort Dodge Iowa.

13 chn

a. Lloyd Eldon YATES (-).

b. Harland YATES (-).

c. John Richard YATES, Jr. (-).

d. Chesley Archer YATES (-).

e. Virginia Clair Yates (-).

f. Audrey Iowa (Yates) (-).
(h) BLUNDT (-).

g. Hazel Darlene (Yates) (-).
(h) LOWE (-).

h. Joyce Anita (Yates) (-).
(h) GEORGE (-).

i. Janice Marilyn (Yates) (-).
(h) KNUTSON (-).

j. Coleen Alberta (Yates) (-).
(h) SONNIER (-).

k. Donald Eugene YATES (-).

l. Charles Francis YATES (-).

m. Patricia Ann (Yates) (-).
(h) NEAVIN (-).

3. Robert Everett ARCHER, Sr. (1-31-1897 - 2-26-1981).
(w) Ethel Ellen (Williams) (4-24-1900 -).

Married December 25, 1917, at Nodaway County, Missouri. Robert was born at Sheridan, Missouri. He died at Whittier California, and is buried at the Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Ethel was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri.

4 chn

a. Mabel Elaine (Archer) (-).
(h) VERMACE (-).

b. Robert Everett ARCHER, Jr. (-).

c. Doyle Bennett ARCHER (-).

d. Lowell Wayne ARCHER (-).

4. Tina May (Archer) (2-16-1899 - 10-26-1957).
(h) William Carl HAGEY (11-20-1896 - 12-14-1972).

Married October 6, 1916, at Nodaway County, Missouri. Tina was born at Sheridan, Missouri. William was born at Burlington Junction, Missouri. Both are buried at Marcos, Ia.

3 chn

a. Robert HAGEY (-).

b. Eula Lea Hagey (-).

c. Edgar HAGEY (-).

5. Glen Otis ARCHER (5-03-1901 - 9-08-1978).
(w) Tillie (Hoffman) (-).

9 chn

a. Pat ARCHER (-).

b. Mary Jo Archer (-).

c. Tommy ARCHER (-).

d. Francis ARCHER (-).

e. Glen Otis ARCHER, Jr. (-).

f. Eugene ARCHER (-).

g. Carole Archer (-).

h. Raymond ARCHER (-).

i. Rita Archer (-).

6. Minnie Opal Archer (12-03-1903 -).

Born at Sheridan, Missouri. Never married.

7. Carl William ARCHER (10-04-1907 - 4- -1908).

Born at Sheridan, Missouri. Died in infancy, and buried at Brethern Cemetery, Sheridan, Missouri.

(tie pg 47) b. Jessie Lou (Criss) ( ).
(h) Frank LENEHAN (-).

c. Stella Elizabeth (Criss) (-).
(h) Burton STOCKTON (-).

Married July 15, 1905. No further record.

d. Otis Glen CRISS (- 1- -1944).
(w) Carrie Mae (Grinit) (-).

e. Robert CRISS (- 11- -1922).

f. Rachel (Criss) (-).
(h) Ora STOCKTON (-).

g. Roland CRISS (- 4- -1951).
(w) Julia (From) (-).

Married March 29, 1917. No further record.

4. Malissa Jane (Criss) (6-19-1852 - 1-07-1865).

5. Nelson Albert CRISS (6-27-1854 -).
(w) Ellen M. (Clarke) (-1864 -).

Nelson and Ellen were married March 13, 1878. They made their home in Vigo County, Indiana.

1 child

a. James L. CRISS (-1879 -).

6. Carolina Matilda (Criss) (3-12-1856 -).
(h) WILLIAMS (-).

Widowed around 1880, Carolina made her home in Noble County, Green Township, Indiana.

3 chn

a. Bertice Williams (-1875 -).

b. James C. WILLIAMS (-1876 -).

c. Walter WILLIAMS (-1880 -).

7. Elenora Elmira (Criss) (1-06-1860 - 3-05-1912).
(h) Riley Sutton RUNDELL (8-26-1856 - 6-13-).

Married January 13, 1878. In 1880, family resided in Owen County, Indiana. Thereafter, lived in Kansas, and made yearly trips to see the folks in Indiana.

1 child (known)

a. Anne B. Rundell (-1879 -).

8. Laura Bell Criss (9-19-1862 - 1-14-1879).

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Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10288 3. Under WILLIAM CRISS (1800-1862).

C. SUSANNAH (Criss) (4-02-1829 -).
(h) William LONG (7-07-1828 - 1-05-1869).

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Susannah born in Ohio before the family made the move to Indiana. She and William were married in Owen County, Indiana, August 22, 1850. William was also born in Ohio, son of Jacob and Mary Crawford Long. Of interest is the fact that Sarah (Tolen) Criss, widow of John CRISS, Junior, was living with Jacob and Mary Long at the time of the 1850 census. It is not known if she was working for her keep, or just living with old friends from Ohio and later, Indiana.

5 chn

26133

1. ~~Jacob C. LONG (1851 - 1915).~~
~~(w) Margaret Frances (Norris) (1855 - 1934).~~

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~~Jacob and Margaret were married in Owen County, Indiana, Jefferson Township, May 1, 1873.~~

~~1 child (known)~~

14004 ~~a. William LONG (-).~~ 14001
~~(w) Elzora (Fiscus) (-).~~

~~Married December 31, 1899. No further record.~~

26134 2. ~~Nancy Long (1853 -).~~

26135 3. Melissa Long (1855 -).

26136 4. Mary Long (1857 -).

26137 5. Elizabeth Long (1863 -).

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

3. Under WILLIAM CRISS (1800-1862).

D. Levi Jonathan CRISS (5-15-1830 - 8-30-1896).
(w) Rebecca (Need) (5-06-1837 - 7-20-1892).

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Levi was born in Ohio before the family moved to Indiana. Rebecca was born in Indiana, the daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Worley) Need, Jr. Of interest is the fact that the grandparents immigrated to the Colonies from Switzerland, October 1752, aboard the Ship Forrest. The Swiss spelling of their names was Jacob Keinadt Need, and Mary Arnold(t). Grandfather Jacob served out of Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War.

SUSANNAH (CRISS) LONG,
and her brother, LEVI CRISS

The other lady is unknown,
but is probably a daughter
of Susannah.

Levi and Rebecca lived the early part of their marriage in Owen County, Indiana, in the vicinity of Vandalia. During the latter part of the 1870's, the family moved to Andrew County, Missouri. The records show that 1881 had the family in Nodaway County, Missouri, where Levi purchased over 40 acres in Township sixty-four.

All the children of Levi and Rebecca were born in Indiana. Levi and Rebecca are buried in Andrew County, Missouri.

8 chn

1. Nancy (Criss) (5-31-1854 -).
   (h) Joseph TROTH (-1850 - -1918).

   Married in Owen County, Indiana, April 15, 1871. Joseph was the son of Nathan and Elsie (Mason) Troth, of Owen County.

   5 chn

   a. Edgar TROTH (-).
      (w) Flora (Scheldnickt) (-).

      2 chn

      1. Montgomery Niles TROTH (-).
         (w) (-).

         2 chn

         a. Elon TROTH (-).

         b. Dorothy Troth (-).

      2. Eva Troth (-).

   b. Mamie (Troth) (- -1979).
      (h) Charlie SMITH (- 6- -1972).

      Married December 12, 1900.

      4 chn

      1. Beulah Smith (1-21-1902 - -1968).

      2. Dennis SMITH (9-09-1907 -).

      3. Lena Smith (4-02-1911 -).

      4. Cecil SMITH (5-26-1915 -).

   c. Istamey Troth (2-29-1872 - 9-02-1881). Infant

   d. Royal TROTH (8- -1891 - 9-11-1892). Infant

   e. ALVEY Troth (7-07-1879 - 9-19-1882). Infant

2. Madison CRISS (8-20-1856 - -1942).
(w) Flora A. (Savage) (-1861 - 4-13-1918).

Married Washington County, Kansas, April 7, 1881.

10 chn

a. William Levi CRISS (1-11-1882 -).
(w) Amy Charlette (Link) (-1883 -).

Married circa 1904. William was born in Kansas, and Amy was born in Missouri. Moved to Colorado Springs, Cororado in 1929, and promptly moved back to Louisburg, Kansas, where William took the job of managing a registered cattle farm.

4 chn

1. Paur Evert CRISS (-1905 -).

2. Lorene (Criss) (-1908 -).
(h) Loren SCHMITT (-).

no issue

3. Donald CRISS (-).
(w) Virginia (Manly) (-).

2 chn

a. William CRISS (-).

b. Pamella Criss (-).

4. Wayne CRISS (-1916 -).
(w) Dorothy (Wilson) (ca-1920 -).

Married December 22, 1940. Wayne entered Service in 1941 and served during WW II. Discharged in 1946, he entered the grocery business. Retirement came in 1974.

4 chn

a. Dale CRISS (-).
(w) Barbara (-).

3 chn

1. Vickie Criss (-).

2. Kevin CRISS (-).

3. Teresa Criss (-).

b. Gary CRISS (-).
(w) (-).

c. Rickie CRISS (-).
(w) LeAnn (-).

1 child

1. Jennifer Criss (-).

d. Terry Lea (Criss) (-).
(h)2 Jim (-).

1 child (h)1

1. Sara (-).

b. James T. CRISS (10-09-1883 -).
(w) (-).

James was born in Missouri. Lived most of his life in the Sacramento area of California. Reported to be interred at Stockton, California.

1 child

1. Robert CRISS (-).

c. Mary (Criss) (8-25-1885 -).
(h) William A. RANKIN (-).

Mary was born in Andrew County, Missouri. Married to William Rankin February 24, 1909, at Andrew County. One son living St. Louis, Missouri.

1 child

1. Robert RANKIN (-).

d. Abbie (Criss) (8-09-1887 -).
(h) Walter P. ROACH (-).

Abbie was born in Andrew County, Missouri. Married to Walter Roach, September 25, 1917, at Andrew County. One son living in Savannah, Missouri.

1 child

1. Criss ROACH (-).

e. Leonard Rowell CRISS (11-25-1889 - 9-12-1964).
(w) Edith (Henderson) (ca-1887 -).

Leonard and Edith were born in Andrew County, Missouri, and di
in southern California. (Orange County)

2 chn

1. Dean Wendell CRISS (-).
(w) Georgia Daphene (Perry) (- ca-1961).
(w)2 (-).

Married to Georgia Perry in Orange County, California, Julj
5, 1949.

2. Marjo (Criss) (-).
(h) John KNOX (-).

f. John E. CRISS (10-18-1891 -).
(w) Myrtle (Yates) (- -1973).

John was born in Andrew County, Missouri. Moved family to
Wheatland, Wyoming, where he now resides.

4 chn

1. Ralston J. CRISS (-).

2. Edward Madison CRISS (-).

3. Wilma (Criss) (-).
(h) CUTRELL (-).

4.

g. Charles William CRISS (10-15-1894 - ca-1929).
(w) (-).

2 chn

1. Flora Jane (Criss) (-).
(h) WALLACE (-).

2. Charles Eugene CRISS (-).

h. Emma Lois (Criss) (5-29-1897 -).
(h) Elmer Reeves THRASHER (-).

Emma and Elmer were married February 4, 1920, in Nodaway Coun
Missouri. Emma was born in Missouri, and is buried at Savann
Missouri.

no issue

i. Walter Leslie CRISS (9-27-1899 -).
(w) Frances Irene (Thrasher) (-1898 - -1982).

Walter was born in Missouri. Married February 8, 1922, Nodaway County, Missouri. Frances interred Savannah, Missouri. Walter living in Savannah, Mo.

no issue

j. Emory Bennett CRISS (4-29-1901 - 3-29-1980).
(w) Mildred Lucille (Jackson) (-).

Emory was born in Andrew County, Missouri. Married Mildred January 12, 1929, in Andrew County.

2 chn

1. Robert CRISS (-).

2. Lois (Criss) (-).
(h) LYLE (-).

3. Pernelia (Criss) (8-26-1858 -).
(h) Franklin STRONG (-).

Pernelia was born in Owen County, Ind. Married Franklin Strong in Andrew County, Missouri, October 26, 1875. Died in California.

no known issue

4. Mary L. (Criss) (9-15-1860 - 8-26-1883).
(h) John E. WALLACE (-).

Married October 5, 1876, in Andrew County, Missouri. Mary is buried at Gravel Wall Cemetery, Andrew County.

1 child

a. Emery J. WALLACE (3-12-1883 -).

5. John CRISS (3-16-1863 - 8-03-1883).

Never married. Interred Gravel Wall Cemetery, Andrew County, Mo.

6. Sarah A. (Criss) (3-18-1865 -).
(h) Emery B. HALL (-).

Sarah was born in Indiana. Married October 7, 1885. Reported to be interred at Scandia, Kansas.

no known issue

7. Emma Lois (Criss) (3-25-1867 - 11-22-1950).
(h) William F. MONTGOMERY (-1860 - -1922).

Emma was born in Indiana. Married Andrew County, Missouri, on November 2, 1890. Emma buried at Bolckow Cemetery, Andrew County.

8. Ida (Criss) (12-15-1869 -).
(h) George Albert SAGER (-).

Ida reported born in Owen County, Indiana. Married George April 2 1893, in Andrew County, Missouri. No further information.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774 - 1845) and their descendents---

3. Under WILLIAM CRISS (1800 - 1862).

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E. Phoebe (Criss) (-1833 -).
(h) Philip BEATY (-).

Phoebe was the fifth child of this part of the family, and was born in Ohio prior to the move to Indiana. Married to Philip Beaty, February 26, 1852, in Owen County, Indiana.

1 known child

1. Philip BEATY, Jr. (-1852 -).
(w) Mary E. (Landreth) (-1855 -).

Philip and Mary were married circa 1877, in Owen County, Indiana. Moved to DuBois County, Columbia Township, Indiana, and started their family.

2 known chn

a. Martha E. Beaty (-1878 -).

b. Sarah E. Beaty (-1879 -).

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F. Matilda (Criss) (-1839 -).
(h) Fredric W. SHALEY (-).

Matilda was the sixth child of William and Nancy Criss. Married Fredr May 8, 1858. No further information.

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G. Mary Ann (Criss) (-1843 -).
(h) Cornelius JOHNSON (-).

Mary Ann was the seventh child of the marriage of William and Nancy. Cornelius and Mary Ann were both born in Indiana. Mary was the first the children to be born in Indiana, and more or less dates the arrival of the family to Indiana from the former home in Ohio.

Married circa 1860, Mary Ann and Cornelius made their home in Owen County, Indiana.

1 known child

1. Pernelia J. Johnson (-1861 -).

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John C. CRISS (-1846 - 3-09-1918).
(w) Hannah (Troth) (-1850 - ca-1874).
(w)2 Anna Kendall (Ashbough) (4- -1850 -).

John and Hannah married October 26, 1865, in Owen County, Indiana. Made their home in Clay County, Brazil Township, Indiana, where John worked for the Vandalia Railroad Company.

After the death of Hannah, John took as a second wife, Anna Ashbough. They were married circa 1875. The family continued to grow in Clay County, Indiana.

John passed away in Clay County, and is interred at the Old Hill Cemetery, Brazil, Indiana.

3 chn (w)1
5 chn (w)2

1. Thomas Tebis CRISS (9-17-1867 -).
(w) Sadie (Triplett) (-).
(w)2 Ida M. (Marsh) (9- -1873 - 1-22-1909).
(w)3 Laura (Anderson) (-).

Married Sadie, October 10, 1889. Lived in Clay County, Brazil Township, Indiana.

Married Ida Marsh November 16, 1898. Ida was the daughter of John C. and Mary (Basket) Marsh.

Married Laura Anderson November 1, 1915.

no known issue

2. Margaret (Criss) (1-26-1870 -).
(h) William G. BENNETT (-).

Married March 29, 1885. No further information.

3. Chester CRISS (6-02-1873 -).

4. Alice (Criss) (-1876 -).
(h) William S. COOK (-).

Married Clay County, Indiana, September 7, 1893. No further information.

5. Leatha O. (Criss) (7- -1880 -).
(h) Charles SHEEHAN (-).

Married October 14, 1900. No further information.

6. Grafton L. CRISS (11- -1883 -).
(w) Rosanna (Martin) (-1884 -).

Grafton and Rosanna were born in Indiana. Moved to Sedgwick County Witchita, Kansas, and were without issue at time of 1910 census.

7. Jessie P. (Criss) (8-31-1886 -).
(h) Jesse C. NOE (-).

Married June 23, 1907. No further information.

I. Pernelia A. (Criss) (-1848 -).
(h) David KEIFAUBER (-1838 -).

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Pernelia was the ninth, and last child of William and Nancy Criss.

She and David Keifauber were married September 26, 1867. They made their home in Owen County, Morgan Township, Indiana.

2 chn

1. Phillip C. KEIFAUBER (-1872 -).

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2. Emma J. Keifauber (-1879 -).

This completes the known information concerning the nine children of William and Nancy Criss, third son of John Criss, Jr.

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dren of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

4. JOHN T. CRIST (1802-)

rried Barbara (Brown), September 17, 1828. Barbara was the daughter of and Lydia (Stuckey) Brown. She was born circa 1810. The family lived in t County, Ohio, York Township.

Either the death or divorce of Barbara brought this marriage to a close, and took another wife, Barbary (Trigg), December 1, 1856. Barbary was the ter of Lewis Trigg, who with his other two young daughters, was living with family in 1860.

John T. Crist worked as a farmer, Minister of the Gospel, and as a fire in- ce agent.

3 chn

A. Alexander C. CRIST (-1831 - 11-26-1904).
(w) Margaret (Pew) (-1832 -).

Alexander and Margaret were married November 17, 1853. They lived in Belmont County, Ohio, Washington Township, where Alex plied the trade of carpenter. Margaret was the daughter of John and Rebecca Pew. It will be noted that after 1860, the surname of this family was changed to PUGH.

Case No. 50906 - Alexander C. Crist, veteran of Civil War, Co. F, 52nd Reg't Ohio Infantry (pensioner)

By 1900, Alexander and Margaret had moved across the Ohio into Wetzel County, West Virginia. They lived in the Center District, and evidently lived out their lives in this area.

7 chn

1. Elsie (Crist) (11-16-1854 -).
(h) Martin Vanburen VANDYNE (-1847 -).

Married February 1, 1874. Lived Belmont County, Ohio. Living with M/L Margaret, Wetzel Co., W. Va., 1910. Parents of two children.

2. Sarah L. Crist (5-05-1857 -).

3. Jemina J. (Crist) (6-26-1860 -).
(h) McKelier MOORE (-).

Married March 28, 1876. Lived Belmont County, Ohio. No further information.

4. John Alexander CRIST (4-12-1863 - 7-07-1947).
(w) Margaret Elizabeth (Postlethwaite) (10-24-1864 - 2-22-1951).

John was born in Belmont County, Ohio, and Margaret was born in West Virginia. They were married April 22, 1883, and started their large family in Ohio. After the birth of the first three children, the family moved to Iowa, where the rest of the children were born. In 1900, the family was in Cass County, Iowa, Edna Township.

a. William Wiley CRIST (2-01-1884 - 12-31-1939).
(w) Ethel Mae (Ewing) (-).
(w)2 Maude (Perkins) (-).

Married Ethel Mae November 15, 1905.

b. Winfred Urban CRIST (12-16-1885 - 10-23-1951).
(w) Cara Mae (Herick) (-).

Winfred was born in W. Virginia. Married March 22, 1911. Interred at Fontanelle, Adair, Iowa.

c. Evard Edward CRIST (6-11-1887 - 4-13-1961).
(w) Gertrude Esther (Lewis) (-).

Married January 13, 1909.

1 child

1. Inice Daisey (Crist) (-).
(h) Clarence Alexander LARSON (-).

1 child

a. Judy L. (Larson) (-).
(h) Billy S. McFARLAND (-).

d. Pearl Laura (Crist) (2-11-1889 - 11-26-1961).
(h) David Orval FOSTER (-).

Married March 16, 1910.

e. Verna Olga (Crist) (12-04-1890 - 8-06-1959).
(h) David Charles WALTON (-).

Married December, 1911.

f. Effie Myrtle (Crist) (9-09-1892 -).
(h) Rosco George CHADWICK (-).

Married March 17, 1914.

g. Osa Margaret (Crist) (5-27-1894 - 1-02-1969).
(h) Verne Truman LEWIS (-).
(h)2 William Van SYCLE (-).
(h)3 Phillip Van SYCLE (-).

Married Verne Lewis, January 20, 1915. Married second time to William Van Sycle, January 27, 1937. No information on third marriage to Phillip Van Sycle.

h. Mary Blanche (Crist) (1-01-1896 - 12-12-1977).
(h) Clinton CULVER (-).

Married October 4, 1916.

i. Edith Belle (Crist) (2-25-1897 - 11-21-1977).
(h) Marion Armon DRAKE (-).

Married August 18, 1920.

j. Ella Elizabeth (Crist) (5-10-1900 -).
(h) Lynn Adam SLAYBAUGH (-).

Married March 4, 1918.

k. Ploma Pernis (Crist) (5-07-1902 - 5- -1966).
(h) Veral Eli SLAYBAUGH (-).

Married June 12, 1926.

l. Minnie Melissa (Crist) (5-21-1904 - 12-07-1934).
(h) Harold Deal ROGERS (-).

Married February, 1923.

m. Velma Mable (Crist) (10-09-1906 -).
(h) Orval KLINGE (-).

Married December 23, 1934.

n. Howard John (Crist) (11-07-1908 -).
(w) Ruth Louise (McLaury) (-).

Married December 2, 1933.

o. Lovina Mae (Crist) (10-29-1911 -).
(h) Kenneth A. CORBIN (-).

Married December 1, 1928.

5. James M. CRIST (5-07-1866 -).
(w) Ellen (-).

James was born in Belmont County, Ohio. His wife, Ellen, was from West Virginia. Probably married in Wetzel County, W. Virginia, ca 1886, where they raised their family.

4 chn

a. Bessie Crist (6- -1887 -).

b. McOrivell CRIST (11- -1889 -).

c. Lora Crist (5- -1892 -).

d. Hermon CRIST (3- -1899 -).

The 1910 census for this family does not bode well. No mention of James and Ellen is evident. The Green Valley Precinct of Wetzel County, W. Virginia, has McOrivell (Mack O. as he calls himself), living with Jackson C. and Mary B. Moore. Mary B. is probably the sixth child born to Alexander and Margaret Crist.

Sister Lora Crist, is living with Solomon C. Miller, and is noted a cousin. This relationship will be probed further.

6. Mary B. (Crist) (6-30-1869 -).
(h) Jackson C. MOORE (-).

Mary and Jackson living Wetzel County, W. Virginia. No further inf other than nephew, McOrivell Crist was living with them at time of 1910 census.

7. Mahlon C. CRIST (5-23-1872 -).

No information on Mahlon. Born in Belmont County, Ohio, but no inf after 1880 census.

B. Albert E. CRIST (-1841 -).

The last indication of Albert Crist was the 1860 census of Belmont County, Ohio.

C. Mary E. Crist (-1848 -).

The 1860 census was also the last indication of Mary E. Crist, in Bel County, Ohio.

This concludes the information available on JOHN T. CRIST, of Belmont County, Ohio. John was the fourth child of John Crist, Jr., and Sarah (Tolen) Crist.

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Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

1029B5. HENRY CRIST (5-03-1804 - 2-08-1877).

The fifth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Virginia (present day Brooke County, West Virginia). Moved with family to Ohio where he grew up in various parts of Columbiana, Carroll and Stark Counties.

Henry was first married to Miss Bathsheba Walton, December 22, 1827. Bathsheba was the daughter of Gabriel Walton. Bathsheba was born May 16, 1804, and died November 20, 1852. Henry lived the life of a farmer, and is at rest at the Minerva Cemetery, Carroll County, Ohio. Bathsheba is interred along with first born, Joseph, at the Herrington Cemetery, Bethel Methodist Churchyard.

The birth and marriage dates provided here, are from the pages of the old family Bible. It's possible that some dates were entered in error, for the marriage and birth dates do not agree in all respects. One must realize that in the early days of the lives of our ancestors, marriage was sometimes delayed until the circuit preacher was in the area. In the meantime, couples lived as man and wife with the "consent" of their parents.

8 chn

A. Joseph W. CRISS (11-05-1827 - 1-03-1832).

Born in Ohio - lived just over three years.

B. Matilda Criss (6-30-1829 - 5-07-1831). Infant.

C. William CRISS (1-24-1834 - 12-07-1836). Infant.

D. Daniel CRISS (5-22-1836 - 5-22-1836). Infant.

E. Malinda Criss (3-25-1831 -).

Born in Ohio - no further information.

F. Isaac T. CRISS (2-11-1838 - 1-13-1888).

Born and raised in Ohio. Served in Union Army during Civil War, and mustered out at Salem, Ohio, 6-21-1864. Served under name CRISS. No indication of marriage for Isaac.

G. Maria (Criss) (4-30-1840 - 9-21-1914).
(h) Charles C. BRANDT (-).

Maria, or Meriah as it was spelled in the marriage records, was married to Charles C. Brandt, October 29, 1862. Maria is reported to have died and been buried at San Diego, California.

2 chn

1. Clara (Brandt) (-).
(h) PARTAINE (-).

2. Henry BRANDT (-).
(w) (-).

2 chn

a. Marie (Brandt) (-).
(h) HEATH (-).

b. Charles BRANDT (-).

H. Albert CRISS (8-08-1844 - 11-09-1855).

At the time of the 1850 census for Carroll County, Ohio, Monroe Townsh young Albert was enumerated with Jacob and Jane Miller, an elderly fa ily of the area. No other information on the life of Albert.

Bathsheba (Walton) Criss, first wife of Henry, died in 1852. Henry then took as a second bride, Mrs. Linnea Myers (Heston). They were married Decembe 21, 1852, and made their home in Stark County, Ohio, town of Minerva. Their marriage resulted in one more child.

1 child

I. Willard Myers CRISS (8-21-1856 - 2-21-1941).
(w) Mary Elizabeth (Davis) (11-20-1858 - 1-17-1943).

Willard and Mary were married in Stark County, Ohio, November 29, 1877 Their initial home was in Minerva, Ohio, and they had three children before making their move to the west. A son, Charles Atwood, was born Riley County, Kansas, where the family resided in 1900. Mother, Linn was with the family in Kansas. By 1910, Willard and Mary were settled in Anaheim, California. Living in were the father and brother of Mary Albert Davis, b. -1832 and Frank Davis, b. -1857.

4 chn

1. Albert Henry CRISS (8-30-1878 - 12-02-1878). Infant.

2. Frank Arthur CRISS (3-12-1880 -).
(w) Laura J. (-1887 -).

Franklin A., as he was noted on the 1910 census for Riley County, Kansas, was married in 1904, and made his living as a carpenter. They must have been packed and ready to move at the time of the c cus in Kansas, for they also appear on the 1910 census of Califor with the parents.

1 known child

a. Margaret S. Criss (-1907 -).

3. Ella (Criss) (9-10-1883 -).
(h) J. A. CORRELL (-).

4 chn

a.

b.

c.

d. Marie (Correll) (-).
(h) TISDALE (-).

Dr. Marie Tisdale resides in Texas. She was able to retain the CRIST family Bible handed down through her mother. It was reported at one time that the Bible had been destroyed by fire.

4. Charles Atwood CRISS (1-27-1887 -).
(w) Ella (Fanton) (-1888 - 11-14-1944).

No reported date of marriage. Charles and Ella remained in Kansas for awhile after the folks made their move to California. From the obituary of Ella Criss, "she was a native of Kansas, and a resident of California for 36 years. Her husband of many years, survives along with three daughters and two sons."

First record of Charles and Ella in California is in 1919 when they are living with the elder Criss's. Charles is working as a cement worker, and his father, a grader with the Ana Citrus Fruit Assn. In 1925, the two families are living side by side in Anaheim. Charles is now a cement contractor, and Willard, a rancher.

5 chn

a. Shirley (Criss) (-).
(h) Louis BREMER (-).

b. Charles A. CRISS, Jr. (2-03-1920 - -1983). Veteran of WW II.
(w) Thelma (-).

c. Albert H. CRISS (-).
(w) Helen Frances (Seppi) (-).

Married November 23, 1938. Albert a veteran of WW II.

d. Virginia Ruth (Criss) (6-27-1923 -).
(h) A. S. GELDMAN (-).

e. Marjorie Jean (Criss) (-).
(h) Earl K. HARKER (-).

Married June 23, 1944.

Ella (Fanton) Criss, mother of above children, passed away Nov. 14, 1944. Charles, Sr. then married Agnes (Francis), November 9, 1946. Agnes was a native of Texas, but a resident of Orange County since 1930. At the time of this second marriage, Charles was living at 512 E. Center St., Anaheim.

In 1953, this address was in the telephone books as the Criss Business College. Agnes was the founder of this enterprise which moved to its present location on Katella Ave. at a later date. The Criss family no longer has an interest in the business. There is also a Criss College on W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, but it is not believed that Mrs. Criss was involved in this venture.

She made meaningful contributions to the lives of hundreds in her contacts in teaching at the College. The world was made better by the life of this wonderful person, and the world is poorer by her death.

She was a member of the Altrusa Club, Soroptimist Club International of Anaheim, Sorority Alpha Iota, Life member of PTA, and a member of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce.

This completes the information on the family of Henry Criss and his descendents.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10296. GEORGE CRIST (12-17-1806 -).

The sixth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Virginia ere the family made the move to Ohio. Nothing is known of this son. His birth is recorded in the family Bible, but there is no other information regarding this member of the family.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10297. SIR HAMBELTON CRIST (9-11-1809 -).

The seventh child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Virginia ere the family move to Ohio. The family Bible is the only source of information on this member of the family, and notes nothing other that the birth. A strange name for someone that young, and perhaps a very interesting story behind it all.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10298. JAMES T. CRIST (6-09-1810 - 8-31-1871).

The eighth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Early census has this son born in Pennsylvania, and possibly just before the family left their home in Virginia (present day Brooke County, West Virginia), and settled in Ohio. James was one of the family that retained the old spelling of the family name, as did his children.

After the death of the father in 1845, James and his own family made the move to Owen County, Indiana, as did so many other of his brothers and sister. Married to Mary Myers circa 1834, probably in Carroll or Stark County, Ohio. Mary Myers was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Myers, Sr., of Carrollton, Carroll County, Ohio. Mary was born in Maryland, according to early census, on January 31, 1801. She died in Indiana August 11, 1874. James was listed as a blacksmiter at one time, and as a carpenter another. James and Mary are buried at Gosport, Indiana.

5 chn

A. Harrison James CRIST (8-10-1835 - 1-16-1907).
(w) Sarah E. (Lease) (9- -1835 - pr-1907).

Harrison (also called Harry) and Sarah E. Lease, were married in Owen County, Indiana, March 7, 1859, and lived and raised their family in Gosport, Ind.

Harrison served in the Civil War with Co. D, 59th ND Inf.

5 chn

1. Ella H. Crist (-1863 -).

2. Harry CRIST (-1866 -).

Born in Indiana. Listed in 1900 census for Marion County, Indiana as Harry J. Criss. He was unmarried and living in a boarding house. No further information.

3. Lottie N. (Crist) (9- -1868 -).
(h) Samuel P. TATE (-1865 -).

Married July 13, 1901. Samuel was born at Childersburg, Alabama, the son of Samuel A. and Nancy (McGlavin) Tate. No further info.

4. Thomas CRIST (-1871 -).

Born in Indiana. No further information.

5. Bettie Crist (6- -1877 -).

Born in Indiana. No further information.

B. Thomas T. CRIST (6-07-1840 - 1-08-1922).
(w) Sarah E. (9-23-1842 - 4-06-1895).
(w)2 Sarah E. (8- -1852 -).

Thomas was born in Ohio prior to the family move to Indiana. His wives both had the same given name, one born in Ohio, the other in Indiana. Married circa 1859, he lived in Owen County near the town of Gosport. Thomas was a farmer and drayman.

5 chn

1. William CRIST (10-15-1865 - 8- -1867). Infant.

2. Emma Crist (-1864 -).

Born in Indiana. Could have been wife of C. S. BATTERSON 1861-190

3. Alice Crist (-1868 - -1918).
(h) T. G. CAMPBELL (-1865 - -1904).

4. Alvery Crist (11-21-1870 - 7-22-1876). Infant, five years.

5. Charles B. CRIST (2- -1876 - -1923).
(w) Sadie (Bogard) (3-26-1873 - 5-26-1909).

1 child

a. Charles E. CRIST (4- -1900 -).

C. E. O. Crist (-1842 -).

Listed as a daughter on 1850 census for Owen County, Indiana.

D. James Isaac CRIST (7- -1853 - 1853 - 10-28-1854).

E. Mary Crist (9-18-1860 - 6-17-1862). Infant, two years.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10793 9. ISAAC D. CRIST (3-17-1812 - 1-19-1873).

The ninth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Virginia prior to families move to Ohio. Lived in Carroll County, Ohio, where he was married to Susannah Frances (Swisher), December 1, 1834. Susannah was born in Pennsylvania, in 1815, and died in Owen County, Indiana, June 4, 1892. Isaac is buried at the Rehobeth Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana. Started using the name CRISS in 1850.

11 chn

27632 A. Lydia A. (Criss) (-1836 -).
(h) John A. SPEARS (-1836 -).

Married circa 1856 in Owen County, Indiana. Lived near Vandalia.

2 known chn

1. Salesta Ann Spears (-1858 -).

2. Infant Spears (-1860 -).

No information on the Spears family. Both above children born in Indiana.

27633 B. Nancy (Criss) (-1833 -).
(h) Lorenzo R. KEENE (-1832 -).

Both born in Ohio. Married November 15, 1855, Owen County, Indiana, and where they raised their family. Lived in various Townships of Owen County. Mr. Keene was listed as a miller on one census report.

5 chn

1. Alexander KEENE (-1858 -).

2. Caroline Keene (-1861 -).

3. Anna Bell Keene (-1863 -).

4. Theodoris KEENE (-1865 -).

5. Julia Keene (-1869 -).

All the above children of Lorenzo and Nancy (Criss) Keene were born in Indiana.

27634 C. Sally "Sarah" (Criss) (-1840 - 6-26-1895).
(h) Abraham J. DAVIS (10-14-1830 - 2-28-1902).

Sally and Abraham were both born in the State of Ohio. Married Februar 5, 1857, Owen County, Indiana. They were living near Vandalia when th started their family.

Abraham J. Davis enlisted in the Union Army on February 15, 1865, and served one year. Mustered into the 149th Regt of Indiana Infantry, an was credited to Addison Township, Shelby County, 6th District.

Discharged as a Pvt, Co E, 149th Regt, Indiana Inf., at Nashville, Ten on September 27, 1865. Age 35, black eyes, black hair, dark complexion and 5' 9" tall.

During the early part of their marriage, Abraham worked as a blacksmith but later took up farming. Interred Rehobeth Cemetery.

10 chn

1. Rachel Davis (-1857 -).

2. James DAVIS (-1860 -).

3. John A. DAVIS (-1862 -).

4. Melinda Davis (-1865 -).

5. Elmer M. DAVIS (4-14-1867 - 9-25-1937).
   (w) Minnie May (Gates) (11-04-1872 - 5-06-1944).

   Both born in Indiana. Married March 23, 1895.

   1 known child

   a. Ivan Elmer DAVIS (9-14-1898 - 3-02-1968).
      (w) Amy Minnie (Nash) (1-09-1903 - 10-03-1976).

      Ivan was born in Illinois, Amy in Oklahoma. Married December 1 1919. Ivan interred Whittier, California.

      4 chn

      1. Norma Lee (Davis) (11-14-1921 -).
         (h) Louis Martin PETERS (10-05-1918 -).

         Norma Lee born in Kansas, Louis in Nebraska. Married on January 12, 1941.

         2 chn

         a. Sandra (Peters) (11-06-1941 -).
            (h) Paul Howard RELPH (-).

            Married July 21, 1961

         b. Susan Irene (Peters) (9-04-1943 -).
            (h) Jerry Lee ZMRZEL (5-04-1943 -).

            Susan born in Kansas, Jerry in Pennsylvania. Married

September 6, 1961.

2 chn

1. Kimberly Irene (Zmrzel) (1-23-1962 -).
(h) Ricky Brian LAMBERT (9-07-1961 -).

Married May 24, 1980. Both born California.

1 child

a. Travis Brian LAMBERT (12-21-1982 -).

2. Tracy Lee ZMRZEL (6-19-1970 -).

b. Max Ivan DAVIS (-).

c. Raymond Edward DAVIS (2-21-1923 - 2-21-1923). Infant.

d. Betty Ruth Davis (12-04-1924 - 4-11-1925). Infant.

276335

D. Susannah (Criss) (-1842 - 5-25-1924).
(h) Frederick MITCHLER (-).

Married August 25, 1862. Lived Owen County, Indiana.

1 known child

1. Andrew MITCHLER (-1862 - 8-31-1884).
(w) Florence (Perkins) (-).

Married July 22, 1883. No issue.

276336

E. Sarah Malinda (Criss) (-1844 - 10-27-1914).
(h) Harper DAVIS (-).

Married July 4, 1873.

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F. Emily Swisher (Criss) (-1845 -).
(h) James W. WARD (-).

Married June 20, 1867.

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G. Isaac CRISS, Jr. (11-20-1846 - 7-15-1926).
(w) Mary Ellen (King) (8-21-1852 - 6-05-1918).

Married September 9, 1876. Both natives of Indiana, and living in Owen County, Morgan Township. Isaac died Lyons, Indiana, interred Rehobeth Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana. Was a farmer.

6 chn

1. William Olo CRISS (2-24-1877 - 9-04-1961).
(w) Sarah A. (McIndoo) (6-03-1878 - 3-18-1961).

Married December 25, 1900. Buried at Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Bloomfield, Indiana.

2. James H. CRISS (-1878 - pr-1918). Never married.

3. John Frederick CRISS (9-14-1880 - 6-01-1953).
(w) Elizabeth (Massie) (-1886 - -19).

Married January 4, 1905.

4. Arthur CRISS (9-01-1882 - pr-1918). Never married.

5. Eva Criss (6-29-1886 - 4-01-1962). Never married.

6. Howard CRISS (12-20-1888 - 9-26-1970).
(w) Bonnie L. (Curry) (11-08-1891 - 4-03-1961).

Married September 16, 1914. Farmer. Interred Stephens Cemetery, Lewis, Indiana.

27638 H. Shaphat A. CRISS (8-26-1849 - 1-24-1924).
(w) Nancy (Orman) (-).
(w)2 Sarah Jane (Perkins) (10- -1857 - -1916).

Married Nancy Orman, January 1, 1880. Married Sarah Jane Perkins, Mar 22, 1883. Sarah was born in Indiana.

Shaphat is interred at the Union Cemetery, Owen County, Washington Township, Indiana.

2 chn

1. Nora Ellen (Criss) (3-20-1884 - -1964).
(h) Harry HAUK (-).

Married December 6, 1911. Lived Owen County, Washington Township.

2. Theodore J. CRISS (3-07-1886 - -1959).

27639 I. Jonathan CRISS (8-20-1850 - 8-03-1923).
(w) Susan Florance (McGuire) (3-31-1854 - -1924).

Jonathan and Susan were married July 25, 1874. Lived in Owen County, Indiana. Jonathan was a carpenter. Died in Hymera, and buried at Na Union Cemetery, Owen County, Indiana.

8 chn

1. William Emmet CRISS (1-25-1876 -).
(w) Marcia (Keene) (-1874 -).

Married February 17, 1909). Lived in Owen County, Morgan Township.

2. Frank Benjamin CRISS (1- -1879 -).
(w) Cordelia (Harvey) (-).

Married December 14, 1902.

3. Oscar Brownsy CRISS (5- -1881 - -1933).
(w) Anna E. (Black) (-1897 - 3-14-1982).

4. Ross CRISS (6-18-1883 - 4-09-1949).
(w) Clara Esta (Coble) (-1888 - -1947).

Married August 29, 1909. No further information.

5. Clara (Criss) (10- -1885 -).
(h) Joe FORD (-).

6. Ezra CRISS (11- -1890 - 1-27-1964).
(w) Hazel (Foster) (-1896 - -1952).

Married May 20, 1911. Ezra was a coal miner. Ezra died at Hymera, Ind. Buried Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Hymera.

2 chn

a. Ezra CRISS, Jr. (-).
(w)

b. Wilma (Criss) (-).
(h) OWENS (-).

7. Harry CRISS (9-27-1892 - 2-16-1976).
(w) Bonnie (Curry) (-).

Married September 16, 1914. Lived Hymera, Indiana. Was a farmer.

8. Stella May (Criss) (11-24-1895 -).
(h) Charles MARSHALL (-).

Married May 1, 1913.

J. James CRISS (-1852 -).
(w) Belle (Stewart) (-).

Married August 24, 1874. No further information.

K. Caroline Criss (12-13-1856 - 8-12-1858). Infant.

Buried at the New Union Cemetery. DAR listing has in Rehoboth Cem.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10. DAVID A. CRIST (1-12-1814 - 9-29-1885).

The tenth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in ~~Pennsylvania,~~ VIRGINIA and moved with family to Ohio. Reared as a farmer, and received the usual schooling of the day.

Married February 25, 1836, to Elizabeth Graham, a native of Ohio, and to this union were born eleven children. Elizabeth was born in 1818.

In 1845, David and Elizabeth moved to Lafayette Township, Owen County, Indiana. Cleared his farm of 120 acres, and made improvements consisting of a home, barns, orchards, fencing, and a good supply of stock. David Criss was an esteemed citizen, and served his Township as Trustee.

In about the year 1862 or 1863, an organization known as the Church of the Saints sprang into existence near the southeastern part of the Township under the preaching of one George Duncan, whose eloquence and untiring zeal soon attracted a large number of adherents. Mr. Duncan had previously belonged to the Mormons, and the doctrine he preached was a mild type of the faith advocated by the Latter-Day Saints. The society increased in numbers very rapidly, and soon gained sufficient strength to erect a house of worship which was built on the farm of David Criss. While Duncan lived, the organization flourished, but after his death, seven or eight years later, it was abandoned, there being no one to take his place.

The church property fell into the hands of David Criss, who afterward sold it to the Methodists, by whom it is still used, under title of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal Church.

David Criss and his wife were members of the Church of the Saints. David is buried at the Dutch Bethel Cemetery, Jefferson Township.

9 known chn

26172 A. Mary A. (Criss) (-1837 -).
(h) Enoch L. CHURCH (-).

Married May 22, 1858. No further information.

26173 B. Levi D. CRISS (-1839 -).
(w) Mrs. Susannah (Kerr) (-1838 -).

Levi and Susannah were born in Ohio. They were married June 25, 1860, Owen County, Indiana. Susannah had a son, William E. Kerr, by a previous marriage. At one time, Levi and Susannah lived in Sullivan County before moving to Merrick County, Nebraska.

4 chn

1. Dianna (Criss) (-1861 -).
(h) Edward MUSTARD (-).

Mr. Mustard had been married before and had a daughter, Ella. This daughter married Emery Grant Criss, son of Jonathan and Mary Criss.

2. Olive Criss (-1862 -).

No information on Olive.

3. Charity Criss (-1866 -).

4. Silva CRISS (5- -1872 - 4-28-1879).

Buried Saunders County, Prague, Nebraska.

C. George CRISS (-1840 - pr-1850). Infant.

26175 D. Rachel A. Criss (5-30-1843 - 8-21-1855).

Buried at Vandalia Cemetery, Vandalia, Indiana.

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E. Harmon CRISS (6- -1845 -).
(w) Catharine "Katy" S. (Clark) (-1844 -).

Lived in the Patricksburg area of Owen County, Indiana. Married circa 1871. Trade was noted as "engineer." Children were born in Indiana. Catharine was born in Pennsylvania.

8 chn

1. Mary C. Criss (-1873 -).

2. Verna Blanche (Criss) (-1877 -).
(h) Mack A. MINICK (-).

Married Owen County, July 4, 1895. No further information.

3. Maude (Criss) (9- -1879 -).
(h) Dennis CHAMPER (-).

Married September 30, 1897. No further information.

4. Christine (Criss) (ca-1881 -).
(h) William R. BALDWIN (-).

Married May 19, 1894. No further information.

5. David CRISS (ca-1882 -).

No information on David.

6. Herbert J. CRISS (12- -1883 -).
(w) Ruth (Newport) (-).

Married August 16, 1903. No further information.

7. A son (7-17-1888 -).

No further information.

8. Ruby W. (Criss) (4- -1896 -).
(h) (-).

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F. Sarah (Criss) (-1848 - -1923).
(h) Clayton TROTH (-1844 - -1919).

Clayton and Sarah were married May 28, 1866, and made their home in Owen County, Indiana, where their first two children were born.

In 1870, the family left Indiana and went to Nebraska Territory to homestead government land. The home in 1880 was Saunders County, Wahoo City, where they lived and farmed. It is reported that the family moved elsewhere in 1888, and it is not known where.

Clayton was the son of Nathan and Ailsey A. Troth, a farm family of Owen County, Lafayette Township. Nathan (1810-1859) and Ailsey (1814-1872) are buried at Vandalia. (Elcy on tombstone)

3 chn

1. Dana Sherman TROTH (-1857 - 11-06-1957).

2. George C. TROTH (-1869 -).

3. Clarence A. TROTH (ca-1871 -).

Of the three children of Clayton and Sarah (Criss) Troth, little known save Dana. He became a telegrapher for the Elkhorn Valley and worked in towns of Rapid City, Lead, Deadwood, Spearfish and Sturgis until 1885, when he went to California. Worked for South Pacific RR, and then went to Battle Mountain, Nevada as station agent until 1891.

Returned to California and worked Napa, Oakland and Tracy for SP until 1897 as a station agent. Worked in Oakland as train dispatch until 1911, when he quit rail-roading.

Worked on the farm of M. J. Lund in San Joaquin County, until 1916 as a bookkeeper. Moved again to Stanislaus County, California, where he died in 1957.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10297 11. SHAPHAT DWYER CRISS (2-04-1816 - 3-16-1898).

The eleventh child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Ohio, and probably the first of the family to be born in Ohio after the move of the family from Brooke County, West Virginia.

Shaphat, while an unusual name, is one that is familiar in the Old Testament of the Bible. It appears that the Criss family went to the Bible for many of the names bestowed upon their children.

Shaphat married a girl from Ohio, named Pernelia. Born July 23, 1816, and lived to be almost 71, passing away June 4, 1887.

This young couple was married circa 1842, and plied many trades in their life time. Shaphat was noted as a waggoner, farmer, tanner and carpenter. Their home originally was Brown Township, Carroll County, but after 1850, Summit County, Ohio, Northfield Township. Both are interred at Akron, Ohio.

5 chn

A. Jonathan E. CRISS (-1842 -).
(w) Julia A. (-1842 -).

John and Julia lived in Summit County, town of Akron, where he worked as a day laborer.

B. Lucian CRISS (-1847 -).

C. Amanda Criss (-1849 -).

D. Ella Samantha Criss (3-29-1855 - 5-30-1873). Eighteen years.

B. Charles V. CRISS (8- -1856 -).
(w) Sarah Alice (Waldsmith) (1- -1864 -).

Married circa 1881, this pair made their home in Summit County, Ohio, town of Akron.

4 chn

1. Albert L. CRISS (1- -1882 -).

2. Harry J. CRISS (9-30-1884 -).
(w) Corinne (-1885 -).

Married circa 1909, made their home in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, town of Cleveland.

1 known child

a. Dorothea Criss (-1910 -).

3. Charles E. CRISS (5-18-1890 -).

4. Ella P. Criss (11-18-1891 -).

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

12. MALINDA CRISS (2-08-1818 - 12-29-1892).

The twelfth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Ohio, and married prior to the families move to Indiana circa 1846. Married John Long of Carroll County, Ohio, circa 1837.

John Long was born in Ohio, December, 1817. He was a farmer, and died in Indiana, October 8, 1892.

10 chn

A. Mary Long (-1839 -).

B. Sarah E. Long (-1840 -).

C. Henry LONG (-1842 -).

D. Elizabeth A. Long (-1843 -).

E. Lydia M. Long (-1845 -).

F. Amanda Long (-1847 -).

G. Jonathan LONG (-1849 - -1910+).
(w) Susan L. (-1853 - -1910+).

Jonathan born in Indiana. Married circa 1871. Lived Lafayette Township, Owen County, Indiana. Was a farmer.

4 chn

1. Zora Long (-1873 -).

2. Willis LONG (-1874 -). A.

3. Earl LONG (-1880 -).

4. Pearl Long (-1880 -).

All the children were born in the State of Indiana. Believe Earl and Pearl to be twins.

H. Lorinda Louisa Long (-1852 -).

I. Eli Peter LONG (-1859 -).

J. William LONG (-1860 -).

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10798 13. ELIAS DEVINE CRISS (2-04-1820 -).

The thirteenth child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born in Ohio, but then the record becomes void of information. The Bible entries do not give any information on this child other than the birth.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Jr., (1774-1845) and their descendents---

10799 14. JONATHAN CRIST (11-04-1821 - 2-17-1890).

The fourteenth, and last known child of John and Sarah (Tolen) Crist, Jr. Born and raised in Ohio. Took as a bride, Mary (Grimes), a girl also born and raised in Ohio. Mary was born March 1, 1825, and died on January 5, 1890. They were married in Carroll County, Ohio, December 7, 1843. They lived the early part of their married life in Ohio, and were probably a part of the big move of the Criss family to Indiana circa 1846.

The birth of their daughter, Sarah, took place in Indiana in 1848, so they were obviously in the State at that time. It's possible they were in Indiana at an earlier date as there was the loss of a son, John, in 1846. John's place of birth is not noted on the census.

Jonathan and Mary lived for the most part, in Lafayette Township, Owen County, Indiana, where Jonathan made his living as a wagonmaker. 2.

During the early part of the 1870's, parts of the family, including Jonathan and Mary, moved to Saunders County, Nebraska. David A. Criss, brother of Jonathan was also living there, and according to the records, was appointed as the attorney of Jonathan. If David was an acredited attorney, it is information not known before. Possibly, a power of attorney is what was meant.

Mary preceded her husband in death by a month, and both are interred at the Sunrise Cemetery, Wahoo, Nebraska.

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9 chn

1. George J. CRISS (8-22-1844 - 6-02-1922).
(w) Nancy Cook (Troth) (1-25-1846 - 12-27-1942).

George and Nancy were married in Indiana, March 22, 1866, and made their home in Owen County where George was employed as a wagonmaker. His father was also a wagonmaker, and possibly, this was a joint endeavor.

Nancy was born in Ohio, the daughter of Nathan and Ailsey (Elsie) Troth. Clayton Troth, husband of Sarah Criss, daughter of David A. Criss, was the brother of Nancy.

By 1880, this family was living in Nebraska, Saunders County, town of Wahoo. In 1910, the family was living in the Oakland Precinct of Boone County, and George was working as a carpenter.

4 chn

1. Ira Morton CRISS (12-25-1866 - 1-13-1901).
(w) Ella (Pollard) (8-03-1870 -).
(h)2 Edward COUCH (-).

Ira was born in Indiana, Ella in Iowa. They were married November 16, 1890. No information on the marriage to Mr. Couch.

3 chn (h)1

a. Vern Leroy CRISS (2-06-1892 -).
(w) Zell (McCreight) (-).

Lived in Nebraska. Married July 14, 1914.

b. Nina (Criss) (9- -1894 -).
(h) Joseph McKENNAN (-).

Made their home in Nebraska.

c. Glen J. CRISS (12-16-1896 - 10-17-1958).

Born in Boone County, Nebraska. The 1900 census has all the children, plus the parents, living in Platte County, Creston Village, Nebraska.

2. Elsie Mae (Criss) (4-28-1869 - 4-04-1962).
(h) Charles Henry KINNEY (7-02-1869 - 4-11-1925).

Elsie was born at Vandalia, Indiana, and Charles was born at Cassville, Wisconsin. Married September 15, 1889, and made their home in Boone County, Nebraska.

5 chn

a. Leslie Earl KINNEY (5-09-1891 - 10-21-1954).
(w) Carrie (Zwingman) (-).

Leslie born Boone County, Nebraska. No further information.

nds of the Evans and North families. children were Hazel (Mrs. Arthur Gay, Rex, Lorena Rose (Mrs. Harry nd Florence (Mrs. Marlin Rodgers). d of attending the Buffalo Bill wild w and of meeting Buffalo Bill in

1 th came to Boone County and n in the Bonanza Precinct. ey purchased a farm in the next

World War I, Rex enlisted in the d served his country receiving an le discharge. He married Margaret ho was the teacher in District #39, lived on a farm near his parents. His Gay also farmed with him. The older mans left the farm in 1925 and to manage a restaurant in Primrose ile and then moved to Albion and d the Albion House Hotel. Rex and ly moved to his parents farm. Their were Agnes, James, Paul, two in- o died at birth and Rex Jr. who was few months after his father died in he family had left the farm on the a and moved to a farm northeast of This was the time of the stock market banks closing, depression, drouth, ppers, dust storms and poor economy. Kuntzelman, Sr. died in 1932 in the s Hospital in Lincoln of a rare blood There was a military funeral by son-Lehr Post and burial in Rose Hill y. Rex's brother Gay, remained with ily on the farm and helped raise the Later in 1943, Gay and Margaret man were married. They continued until 1968 when they retired and in y m into Harmony Homes. Gay with maintenance there until his ailed. He was a member of St. John's al church and served as a trustee. He ll- known for his marksmanship, fishing, bowling and billiard skills. and relatives enjoyed coming to the man home during the pheasant hunt- n. He died in December, 1976.

d Margaret's daughter Agnes gradu- m Albion High School, attended t Wayne and was a rural school She married Alden Nygren of rural Grove and they are the parents of arry Nygren, U.S. Air Force, Offutt ; James Nygren, Greeley, Colorado; ren, Genoa; and Julie (Mrs. Kelvin Lincoln.

untzelman graduated from Albion ool and the University of Nebraska. d in the Navy and is a salesman. He ghter Sherrie (Mrs. Gail Rabe), and Gary and Douglas Kuntzelman.

Kuntzelman graduated from Albion ool and served in the Marines in the Conflict. He married Melba Paine are the parents of Stephanie (Mrs. cson), Terry Kuntzelman, and Lori dd Muhle). Paul is a Meat Inspector estate salesman, his wife Melba nan is a Broker. They live in Colum-

ntzelman graduated from Albion ool and served with the Army onal Troops in Germany. He Violet Starkey and their children are don and Kristal Kuntzelman. Rex Executive Director of the ASCS in unty.

John's Episcopal Church, Church Women United, American Legion Auxiliary, Extension Club, and does volunteer mending at the Wolf Memorial Home. Her hobbies are reading and writing.

by Mrs. Agnes Kuntzelman Nygren

HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, 1871-1986,

KVAM, JENS L. FAMILY

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Jens K. Kvam, eldest son of Knud Jensen Kvam and Kari Rutlin Kvam, was born on a large fruit and dairy farm named "Stage" in Sogndal, Norway. He came to this country with his parents and one brother, Lars, in 1869. Jens was born July 12, 1866.

The family's first home in America was near Cambridge, Wisconsin, in Dane County, where his father worked as a tenant for four years. During these four years, various misfortunes occurred to them, and his Mother longed for a home of her own in which to raise her family. While living in Wisconsin, a brother Knut and a sister, Tina, were born.

In 1873, the family came to Shell Creek, Boone County, Nebraska to the homestead, presently owned by Harold Kvam. Here, Betsie, Sophie, Christine, Melkior, and Randina Marie were added to the family.

When the family arrived they were too late to plant a crop. So they built a half dug-out, half sod house for the family, and the father walked back to Wisner, which was then the end of the railroad. He stayed there all winter. In the spring, the father returned with a wagon loaded with grain, pulled by oxen, a plow, and with a few coins in his pocket. With this, they were able to plant their first crop.

Another tale my father told, was about the time his father took a wagon load of grain to Madison to have it ground. Food was scarce, but he expected to be back in a few days. When the father arrived in Madison, he found that the mill stone was broken and they could not grind. He was told there was

Laura and Jens Kvam Oct. 1912.

another mill up the Elkhorn Valley at Oakdale, so he went there. This meant he was delayed in arriving home. Meanwhile the family had run out of meal. The mother remembered that a bachelor who had lived for a time on land a few miles away, had given up his claim, and she thought perhaps she might find something he had left there. She and the children went there, and sure enough, they found in the bottom of a box there were some "shorts" — a very bran-y wheat product that was fed to animals. The mother scraped this into a container and took it home and cooked it for the family. My father remembered this, because his mother gave him the biggest bowlful, because he was the biggest one of the children. He was then about 7 years old. He said how happy they were when they saw their father coming over the prairie from a different direction than they expected him to come. They all ran out to meet him.

Since the Kvam family were among the very earliest settlers in this region, many subsequent families of Norwegians stayed in their home until they established their own claims and built their own homes.

Jens acquired a farm in the Shell Creek community near his parents' homestead.

In 1912, he was married to Laura Criss Harris. They were the parents of two children: Eleanor Kari, who is married to Lloyd J. MacDowell, and living in Lincoln, Nebraska. They had 3 children, Lloyd J., (deceased), Jonathan C., Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mary W., married to Jim Hoover, and living in Washington. Jerome Lincoln is married to Laverne Nore. Jens and Laura also provided a home for the four Harris children, Inez, who married Victor St. Louis, Norma, Mrs. Mark Nelson, Chas. C. Harris, and Frank G. Harris.

Laura Kvam was a teacher and a seamstress. She was born in Saunders County, NE., and came to Petersburg with her parents, George and Nancy Troth Criss. She had one brother, Dennis Criss of Stuart, Ne., and Elsie Criss Kinney who lived in Petersburg and Albion.

Mr. Kvam passed away in 1950, and Mrs. Kvam in 1954. They were laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Petersburg, Ne.

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Jerome L. Kvam and Laverne Nore were married October 6, 1940 at the Parsonage of Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Branch. They lived on the farm Jerome's father homesteaded in the Shell Creek community, for 22 years. In 1962, they built a new home in Midland precinct, where they lived for 15 years. They retired to their home in Albion in 1977.

Jerome was born in 1915 at Petersburg, Nebraska, to Jens K. and Laura Criss Harris Kvam. He attended school in Petersburg, Lincoln, and District 62 in the Shell Creek community. Jerome has 3 sisters: Eleanor Kvam MacDowell, Norma Harris Nelson, and Inez Harris St. Louis, deceased. He has two brothers: Chas. C. Harris, and Frank B. Harris. Jerome has been a farmer all his life,

b. Bessie Irene (Kinney) (2-18-1893 - -1980).
(h) Roy GREEN (-).

Bessie born in Nebraska. Married August 20, 1914. No further information.

c. Gladys Laura (Kinney) (5-28-1895 - 1-07-1972).
(h) John H. JOHNSON (-).

Married August 19, 1914. Gladys born in Nebraska. No further information.

d. Floy Lucille (Kinney) (4-20-1900 - 11-10-1978).
(h) Frank E. HALL (-).
(h)2 Fred C. DeLARM (-).

Floy born in Nebraska. Married Frank Hall, July 23, 1917. Married Mr. DeLarm, July 14, 1925, at O'Neill, Nebraska. No information on children, if any.

e. Mildred Lois (Kinney) (11-22-1909 -).
(h) George STEWART (-).

No information on this family.

3. Laura Belle (Criss) (6-13-1872 - 7-10-1954).
(h) Harry HARRIS (- -1909).
(h)2 Jens K. KVAM (7-12-1866 - 7-03-1950).

Laura Belle and Mr. Harris were married October 14, 1893. After the death of Mr. Harris, Laura took as her second husband, Mr. Jens K. Kvam. They were married October 14, 1912, at Petersburg, Nebraska.

Laura is interred at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Petersburg, Neb.

4 chn (h)1
2 chn (h)2

a. Inez Harris (-).
(h) St. LOUIS (-).

b. Norma (Harris) (-).
(h) NELSON (-).

c. Charles HARRIS (-).

d. Frank HARRIS (-).

e. Eleanor Kari (Kvam) (-).
(h) L. J. Mac DOWELL (-).

f. Jerome KVAM (-).

4. Dennis Alvin CRISS (3-14-1879 - 4-19-1945).
(w) Nellie MacLaren (Horn) (-).

Dennis born at Stuart, Nebraska. Married July of 1903.

2 chn

a. Alice Eleanor (Criss) (-).
(h) KIRCHHOFF (-).

2 chn

1. Nancy Kirchhoff (-).

2. Criss KIRCHHOFF (-).

b. George J. CRISS (4-01-1912 - 12-11-1965).
(w) (-).

3 chn

1. Dennis Alvin CRISS, Jr. (-).

2. Sandra Criss (-).

3. George J. CRISS, III (-).

B. John CRISS (7-22-1846 - 9-11-1846). Infant.

C. Sarah Molinda (Criss) (8-27-1848 - 8-26-1921).
(h) David K. WILSON (1-24-1845 - 4-20-1918).

Sarah was born in Indiana. David was born in Carroll County, Ohio. They were married in Vandalia, Indiana, March 22, 1866. Evidently the family moved to Nebraska circa 1871.

4 chn

1. John Ellsworth WILSON (4-03-1867 - 9-28-1937).
(w) Ora (Henton) (-1869 - -1920).

Married June 24, 1896. Buried Wahoo, Nebraska.

1 child

a. Harold WILSON (-1901 - -1923).

Buried Wahoo, Nebraska.

2. Mary E. (Wilson) (-1870 - 1-16-1935).
(h) J. J. JOHNSON (-1867 - -1948).

Interred Wahoo, Nebraska.

1 child

a. Mildred Johnson (-).

3. Charles WILSON (-1872 - -1881). Nine years.

Buried Prairie Cemetery, Prague, Nebraska.

4. Ethyle (Wilson) (5-19-1892 - 8-13-1924).
(h) Jay R. LIVINGSTON (-).

Married December 24, 1921, Casper, Wyoming.

Ethyle was a graduate of Luther College, Wahoo, Nebraska. Attended University School of Music, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Chicago Musical College. Taught music for six years prior to marriage.

Jay and Ethyle moved to El Segundo, California, shortly after their marriage. Ethyle died in childbirth, and the child, a girl, survived. Ethyle was removed to Wahoo, Nebraska, for interment.

D. Martha Elizabeth (Criss) (5-02-1851 - 2-27-1918).
(h) Adam WIKEL (-1850 - -1918).

Martha was the fourth child of Jonathan and Mary (Grimes) Criss. She and Adam were married November 10, 1872. Martha is buried at the Peak Cemetery, Ceylon, Ohio.

6 chn

1. Charles WIKEL (-1873 - -1952).
(w) Ellen (Scott) (-1882 - -1940).

1 child

a. Violet (Wikel) (-1904 - -1970).
(h) Tom HINDE (-).

1 child

1. Donald HINDE (-).

2. Burton WIKEL (1-30-1877 - 7- -1959).
(w) Della (McKnight) (-1871 - -1942).

no issue

3. Maude (Wikel) (8-22-1880 - 11-24-1957).
(h) Charles CORDES (-).

1 child

a. Jack CORDES (-).

4. Ona (Wikel) (-).
(h) Rev. Walter STICKNEY (-).

3 chn

a. Hazel (Stickney) (-).
(h) REEVES (-).

b. Lois (Stickney) (-).
(h) Harry F. HAYWARD (-).

c. Rev. Elno STICKNEY (-).
(w) Doris (-).

5. Helen (Wikel) (-).
(h) Henry St. LOUIS (-).

6. Grace Wikel (-). Died at age 12.

E. James Isaac CRISS (7-27-1853 - 10-28-1859). Infant, six years.

Buried Vandalia Cemetery, Vandalia, Indiana.

F. Nancy Lovina Criss (9-26-1855 - 10-18-1859). Infant, four years.

Buried Vandalia Cemetery, Vandalia, Indiana.

G. Nathan T. CRISS (4-15-1858 - 8-25-1925).
(w) Alicia J. (Fox) (7-09-1857 - 11-16-1921).

Nathan born in Indiana, Alicia in Illinois. Married December 25, 1879, in Saunders County, Nebraska.

In 1900, Nathan and his family was living in the town of Peterson, Boone County, Nebraska. Nathan was a farmer.

Nathan died at Lusk, Wyoming. Alicia died and is buried at Van Tassell, Wyoming.

2 chn

1. Myrtle (Criss) (8- -1882 -).
(h) J. L. GENUNG (-).

2. Earl CRISS (1-08-1887 - 3-02-1965).
(w) Mathilda (Ritts) (11-18-1892 - 7-18-1982).

Earl was born in Saunders County, Nebraska. They were married November 18, 1909.

Mathilda died at Chadron, Nebraska - Earl at Scotts Bluff, Neb.

3 chn

a. Leona Winifred (Criss) (1-15-1915 -).
(h) J. G. CRINKLAW (-).

Married December 20, 1936.

1 child

1. James G. CRINKLAW, Jr. (-1944 -).
(w) Carol Jean (-).

b. La Veta Beasley (Criss) (-).
(h) Jack Darold CRINKLAW (3-01-1920 - 11-12-1950).

Married December 10, 1943.

2 chn

1. Jack Dee CRINKLAW (-1944 -).

2. Terry Lee CRINKLAW (-1947 -).

c. Evelyn Malmborg (Criss) (-).
(h) Earl GRAYDON (7-31-1933 - 1-10-1982).

Married April 11, 1953.

2 chn

1. Brett Darold GRAYDON (-1964 -).

2. Brian GRAYDON (-1966 -).

H. Margaret Isabell Criss (10-26-1861 - 12-29-1864). Infant - three years

I. Emery Grant CRISS (1-07-1867 - 12-27-1943).
(w) Sarah Ella (Mustard) (4-09-1870 - 10-07-1953).

Married Saunders County, Nebraska, May 24, 1888. Sarah Ella was the daughter of Edward Mustard, and the step-daughter of Dianna Criss, who was the daughter in turn of Levi and Susannah Criss.

Emery was an electric light plant manager, and they made their home in Boone County, Nebraska. Sarah and Emery are at rest at the Evergreen Cemetery, St. Edwards, Nebraska.

1 child

1. Fern G. (Criss) (-1890 - -1969).
(h) Glen BLACKBURN (-1890 -).

2 chn

a. Stanley BLACKBURN (-1916 -).
(w) Peggy (Hunter) (-1915 -).

1 child

1. Polly (Blackburn) (-1945 -).
(h) Van WALBACK (-1944 -).

1 child

a. Hunter WALBACK (-1974 -).

b. Leland BLACKBURN (-1922 -).
(w) Ruth (Hazen) (-1921 -).

4 chn

1. James BLACKBURN (-1947 -).
(w) Phyllis (-1947 -).

1 child

a. Brianna Blackburn (-1980 -).

2. Stephen BLACKBURN (-1949 -).
(w) Kathy (-1954 -).

1 child

a. Christopher BLACKBURN (-1980 -).

3. Richard BLACKBURN (-1953 -).

4. Diane (Blackburn) (-1955 -).
(h) GOSSMAN (-).

2 chn

a. Derrick GOSSMAN (-1974 -).

b. Danell Gossman (-1977 -).

This completes the information currently on hand regarding the descendents of JOHN CRIST, Jr., and his wife, Sarah (Tolen).

CRISS, JACOB b. 5-15-1778 d. 3-08-1847
(w) Hannah (Rittenhouse) b. 4-06-1781 d. 9-11-1838

JACOB CRISS, was the fourth son and child of John Crist, Sr., and Ursilla (Hawkins) of Harmon's Creek, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Raised on the home farm called the "Hermitage," and received the education available in those days. Was a farmer all his life, and contributed to his community in an honorable and creditable manner.

Married November 25, 1799, to Hannah Rittenhouse, daughter of Elijah and Sarah (Quick) Rittenhouse. (see Rittenhouse supplement)

Jacob, Hannah, John and William G. Criss are interred at the Bethel Churchyard cemetery, just outside of Eldersville, Pennsylvania. Several of the Criss infants are also buried there. This is the cemetery where the father, John, is supposedly buried under a large fieldstone crudely carved, "J. C." The locale is on a ridge overlooking valleys on each side, and is a beautiful and solemn setting for our loved ones resting spot.

The Will of Jacob Criss is presented herewith ---

and sworn to and subscribed
before me
Wm. M. Roman, Registrar

/s/ Francis Hanlin
W. M. Criss

April 17th, 1847. Letters Testamentary with the copy of will and probate annexed issued to Nicholas and Henry Criss within named who on same day were duly sworn. Wm. M. Roman, Registrar

Registered in Will Book No. 1, pages 493, 494 and 495

Will of Jacob Criss, deceased

In the name of God above, I, Jacob Criss, of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being weak in body but of sound mind calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make and declare this my last will and testament as follows: I leave my body to be decently interred in the earth after all my just debts are paid. I dispose of my worldly substance as follows: I will and bequeath to my son, Nicholas, the tract of land on which he now lives. Also to my son, Henery, the tract of land on which he now lives, and further, to my two sons Readinghous and Jacob Q. the tract of land on which I now live. I also allow the above named sons to pay to my other heirs to be named afterwards the sum of nineteen hundred and ninty dollars to be paid as follows: Nicholas and Henry, four hundred and ninty-five dollars each. Readinghous and Jacob Q., five hundred dollars each. I further bequeath to my son William what land I own in the State of Ohio. I also bequeath to my daughter Mary Johnston eighteen acres of land where she now lives on the east side of the hill. I also allow the rest of the last named tract of land to be sold by my executor, five years after my decease and the price of the same to be equally divided among my heirs. I also allow my sons Readinghous and Jacob Q. to have the use of said land to the time it is to be sold. Further, I allow the aforesaid nineteen hundred and ninety dollars to be paid as follows: to Elijah Criss, four hundred dollars; William Criss, one hundred dollars; Hannah Buxton, four hundred dollars; Ann Boon, two hundred dollars; David Criss, my grandson, one hundred and seventy dollars. The

above sums to be divided into three equal payments the first to be paid two years after my decease, and the remainding two payments to be paid yearly thereafter. The aforesaid Nicholas, Henery, Jacob Q. and Readinghous are to pay the last mentioned sums at the above dates share and share alike. And further, I bequest to my grand-children Joseph Criss, Hanna Jane Criss, Elijah Criss and Mary Criss, fifty five dollars each to be paid five years after my decease provided said children be twenty one years of age at that time, and if any of them be minor at that time, I wish their money to remain in the hands of my executors at interest to they become at twenty one years of age. I also bequeath to my grand-children Nancy Hanlin and Hanna Jane Hanlin, William Boon, Elizabeth Boon, one hundred dollars each to be paid six years after my decease. And further, should my daughter Ann Boon have a third child, I also bequeath it one hundred dollars and should there by no more, I wish the last named one hundred dollars to be given to William and Elizabeth share and share alike. The above named Nicholas, Henery, Readinghous and Jacob Q. is to pay the above sums as above specified. Nicholas and Henery to pay each five dollars less than Readinghous and Jacob Q. I further bequeath to my sons Readinghous and Jacob Q. my horse gears and all my farming utentials and my copper kettle to my son Jacob Q. my beaurow and bedstead bedding which I now occupy to my daughter in law, Mary Criss, my cupboard and the bed that stands in the kitchen with the bedstead and bedding. I further bequeath to my son Jacob Q. ten head of sheep, and to Ann Boon, the ..... mare and ten head of sheep. I wish and desire and allow my daughter, Mary Johnston to be paid fifty dollars out of my personal property and the remainder to be divided among my own children equally. I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Nicholas and Henery executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of February, eighteen hundred and forty seven ...

Agreed and acknowledged
in presence of

his

James Fulton
W. W. Criss

Jacob Criss S

mark

February the 9th 1847

This will certify that I do will to my three youngest male heirs the remainding part of the tract of land lying in Hanover Township, Washington County, on which John Johnston now lives. To Henry, I give the one half, and to Rettinghouse and Jacob the other half, this being a part not known in my former will.

In testimony whereof I set my
hand and seal, Jacob Criss mark

mark

Francis Hanlin
William M. Criss

Jacob and Hannah Criss lived on the homestead part of his father's farm at Hanlin Station. This small spot on the map of Washington County, Pennsylvania, lies approximately 32 miles west of Pittsburgh, and was once a bustling farm community.

The land remained in the Criss family until sold by the heirs of Rittenhouse Criss. After the land had been stripped by coal interests, the tiny village shrank to it's present status of but a few old time residents.

Nicholas Rittenhouse Criss, a son of Rittenhouse, was evidently the first to recognize the significance of retaining some sort of record of the family. It was his early efforts that have made it so much easier to take up where he left off, and pursue the family through the generations and many moves across the country. Fortunately, other members of the Crist/Criss family are also interested in the family history, and have provided much information to this effort to present a record of the family. Perhaps, someday, our own children will become more aware of the past, and then this will all be of some value.

13 chn

1.	ELIJAH	b.	9-01-1800	d.	6-19-1869
	(w) Elizabeth	b.	-1801	d.	-1870 plus

see pages (95-97)

2.	MARY	b.	3-24-1802	d.	
	(h) Jacob JOHNSTON	b.		d.	

see pages (97-98)

3.	WILLIAM G.	b.	2-24-1804	d.	8-29-1887
	(w) Mary (Davis)	b.	2-14-1814	d.	4-23-1881

see pages (98-116)

4.	JOHN	b.	1-24-1806	d.	5-23-1842
	(w) (Martin)	b.		d.	
	(w)2 Margaret (Smith)	b.	-1812	d.	8-20-1882

see pages (117-155)

5.	JACOB I	b.	3-01-1808	d.	9-01-1808

see pages (155-155)

6. SARAH b. 6-01-1809 d.
(h) DAVIS b. d.

see pages (155-155)

7. NICHOLAS b. 8-27-1811 d. 1-01-1876
(w) Nancy (Wilson) b. ca-1820 d. 12-22-1889

see pages (156-158)

8. HANNAH b. 7-27-1813 d. 10-07-1881
(h) Davis BUXTON b. 4-28-1810 d. 7-19-1890

see pages (158-161)

9. HENRY b. 11-01-1815 d. 8-17-1873
(w) S. Mary (Ryland) b. ca-1816 d. 2-07-1878

see pages (161-164)

10. RITTENHOUSE b. 9-17-1817 d. 12-04-1882
(w) Mary (Fink) b. 8-05-1821 d. 9-18-1853
(w)2 Eliza J. (Stewart) b. 8-10-1835 d. 12-25-1916

see pages (164-172)

11. JACOB Q. II b. 6-19-1819 d. 1-26-1897
(w) May Celina (Ryland) b. 9- -1826 d. 5-07-1914

see pages (172-173)

12. RUTH b. 3-21-1821 d. -1845
(h) Francis HANLIN b. 4-16-1810 d. 4-22-1898

see pages (173-173)

13. ANN b. 3-04-1823 d. 4-10-1861
(h) Thomas BOONE, Jr. b. -1818 d. 6-07-1896

see pages (174-175)

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778-1847) and their descendents---

1. ELIJAH CRISS (9-01-1800 - 6-19-1869).

Elijah Criss, first born child of Jacob and Hannah (Rittenhouse) Criss, was raised on the home farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Married a girl from Maryland by the name of Virginia, born 1801, and died sometime after 1870 when she was noted as a widow on the census.

The family was living in Mercer County, Pa., in 1840. Their next move was to Lawrence County, where they made their permanent home.

Both are interred at the Wilmington, Pennsylvania cemetery.

2 chn

A. Jacob P. CRISS (-1824 - -1897).
(w) Margaret (Wilson) (10- -1826 - -1903).

Married circa 1848. According to 1900 census, Margaret's parents were from Ireland. At the time of this census, three of the nine children born to Jacob and Margaret were living. Believe Jacob was a farmer.

Both are interred at the New Wilmington, Pennsylvania cemetery.

8 chn

-1 Elizabeth Criss (6-06-1849 - 11-13-1851). Infant.

-2 Emaline Wilson (Criss) (3-21-1851 - 12-11-1925).
(h) Rev. Eugene DUNLAP (-1847 -).

Reverend Dunlap was a missionary to Siam, and at least four of the children of this marriage were born there. A son, Ernest, was born at Petchaburi, Siam, and this is possibly where the Reverend had his mission.

8 chn

a. William DUNLAP (5- -1876 -).

Reported born in Siam. No record of marriage. Was in Pennsylvania at time of 1900 census, and working as a plasterer.

b. Mary Dunlap (4- -1879 -).

Reported born in Siam. No record of marriage. Was in Pennsylvania at time of 1900 census attending school.

c. Ernest DUNLAP (-1884 - -1916).

Born in Petchaburi, Siam. No record of marriage for Ernest, but it is likely. He is buried with his mother, Emaline, and a boy, Thomas E. Dunlap (1908-1909). It's possible this is an infant son of Ernest and an unknown wife.

d. Eugene H. DUNLAP, Sr. (12-22-1888 - 11-22-1981).
(w) Effie B. (-1889 - -1963).

Eugene is also noted as born in Siam. No record of marriage date.

Eugene and Effie are buried at the New Wilmington Cemetery, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

From previous information, the Reverend Dunlap had eight children. There are several infant stones around the various family member stones in the Wilmington Cemetery, and it may be these are the missing Dunlap children.

-3 Mary Criss (-1854 -).

No record on Mary.

-4 Elijah B. CRISS (-1858 - -1920).
(w) Minnie M. (-1865 -).

Elijah and Minnie born in Pennsylvania. Married circa 1886 - made their home in Lawrence County.

3 chn

a. Laurine Criss (-1887 - -1903). 16 years.

b. Mary E. Criss (-1890 -).

No record on Mary.

c. William J. CRISS (-1897 -).

No record on William.

-5 Jane (Jennie) Criss (-1862 -).

No record on Jane.

-6 Elizabeth Criss, II (6-06-1865 - 11-13-1867). Infant

-7 William R. CRISS (-1866 - -1928).
(w) Olive (White) (9- -1877 - -1933).

Both born in Pennsylvania, and made their home in Lawrence County. Married circa 1896. William occupied as a plasterer in 1900, but evidently not his career. Was reported to be a rural mail carrier in later life.

Interred at New Wilmington Cemetery.

3 chn

a. Howard W. CRISS (9- 1897 - -1913). 16 years.

Interred with folks at New Wilmington Cemetery.

b. James CRISS (-1905 -).

No information on James.

c. Albert CRISS (-1907 -).

No information on Albert.

-8 Lucy V. (Criss) (-1871 -).
(h) Charles Louis CRISS (-1866 - -1959).

Lucy and Charles were cousins. Charles was the son of Rittenhouse Criss of Washington County, Pa. Lucy was the second wife of Charles with the marriage taking place circa 1908.

2 chn

a. Jean R. Stewart (Criss) (-1910 -).
(h) Edward STERN (-).

no issue

b. Charles Rittenhouse CRISS (-1911 -).
(w) Florence (Large) (-).

1 child

-1 Winifred Criss (-1942 -).

B. Louisa Criss (-1839 -).

Louisa is a possible second child born to Elijah and Elizabeth Criss. She is mentioned on the 1850 census, but there is no record after that. In 1860, she would have been twenty-one, and well old enough to have a husband. No record on this.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778-1847) and their descendents---

2. MARY CRISS (3-24-1802 -).
(h) Jacob JOHNSTON (-1799 - -1832+).

Mary was the second child born of the marriage of Jacob and Hannah Criss. After the marriage, the Johnston family mainly lived in the State of Ohio.

6 chn

A. Davis JOHNSTON (-1818 -).
(w) Harriet (-1822 -).

3 chn

-1 Margaret Johnston (-1843 -).

-2 Albert JOHNSTON (-1849 -).

-3 Loretta Johnston (-1851 -).

B. Lock JOHNSTON (-).

C. George M. JOHNSTON (2-08-1832 - 8-09-1921).
(w) Mary E. (Brown) (7-18-1841 - 10-22-1905).

D. Elijah JOHNSTON (-).

E. Jacob Criss JOHNSTON (-1829 - -1912).
(w) Eleanor (Findley) (-1839 - 7-01-1915).

F. Harriett (Johnston) (-1820 -).
(h) Samuel SCOTT (-1818 -).

7 chn

1. Elizabeth Scott (-1839 -).

2. Fichum SCOTT (-1842 -).

3. Robison SCOTT (-1842 -).

4. John SCOTT (-1844 -).

5. Christy Scott (-1846 -).

6. Fredis SCOTT (-1848 -).

7. Hugh SCOTT (-1850 -).

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778-1847) and their descendents---

3. WILLIAM G. CRISS (2-24-1804 - 8-29-1887).

William Criss, third child born of the marriage of Jacob and Hannah Criss. Born and raised in Pennsylvania. Married Mary Davis circa 1831, and farmed a 105 acre farm in Hanover Township of Washington County, Pa.

Mary Davis, wife of William Criss, was born February 14, 1814, and died on April 23, 1881. Both she and William are buried at the Bethel Cemetery just outside Eldersville, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Criss, father of William, willed him some land in Carroll County, Ohio, in his will of 1847. Believe William was active on his own in the County of Carroll prior to this acquisition.

In the records of Carroll County, the following court case appears:

STATE OF OHIO Vs WILLIAM CRISS

At Court of Common Pleas began and held at Carrollton on Wednesday 17th April, 1833.

Grand Jury summoned.

State of Ohio finds that William Criss, late of Brown Township, on 28 March 1833 with force and arms at Township aforesaid, did make an unlawful assault on one Jesse Rice, and then and there did unlawfully beat, bruise, wound and ill treat, &c., to said Jesse Rice.

Jury Consisted of:

Adam Jackman
Robert Craven
Solomon Stine
Cornelius Baxter
James Shepherd
John C. Huston
John Hudson
Nathan Shaw
Frederick Unkefer
James Martin
William Norris
Michael Hawk

Witnesses called for State:

Jesse Rice
William Grimes
Jacob Everly
Jacob Hineman
Frederick Long

Witnesses called for Defendant:

John Mitchel
Michael Henry
George Boop
Alexander Clark
Andrew Duncan
* John Criss

NOTE: Carroll County was established in 1833. This is reported to be the first criminal case tried in the new County. STATE OF OHIO Vs WILLIAM CRISS.

William Criss was found NOT GUILTY.

John Criss, (1806-1842) was a brother of William Criss. He was also married to a lady of the Martin family, and when and where she passed away has remained a mystery in the search of John's family record. There is no evidence she is interred with John and other members of the Criss family in the Bethel Cemetery, and with this court information, it becomes apparent that she might have been with John on this event in Ohio. Note that a James Martin was on the jury, and could have been a relative. Perhaps John's wife is buried somewhere in Ohio?

10 chn

A. Benjamin Franklin CRISS (1-10-1834 - 1-18-1913).
(w) Nancy J. (6-30-1835 - 4-06-1896).

Both born in Pennsylvania. Married circa 1858, and lived and raised their family in Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia. It's possible that Ben was embarrassed by his name, as the records list him as Benjamin F., B. Franklin, or B. F. Criss.

Interred at United Methodist Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

7 chn

-1 Mary Isabel (Criss) (11- -1859 -).
(h) Robert McNABB (1- -1847 -).

Married in January of 1889. Mary was born in Ohio, and Robert in West Virginia. This was a second marriage for Robert, and there is no record of issue of the marriage with Mary I. Criss. Robert had two children born of his first marriage.

a. Jessie May (McNabb) (-1867 -).
(h) Peter B. JOHNSON (-1863 -).

Married November 17, 1887.

2 chn

-1 Nona B. Johnson (3- -1890 -).

-2 Jessie H. Johnson (2- -1892 -).

b. Carrie (McNabb) (-1873 -).
(h) James A. BERGHOFF (-1869 -).

Married June 22, 1892. No further information.

-2 John W. CRISS (-1861 - 9-26-1891).
(w) Ida G. (Cannon) (-1865 -).

Married May 20, 1886. John passed away from a bout with Typhoid, and is reported to have fathered a child prior to passing, however no record of a birth has been found.

After the death of John, Ida married Robert R. Fry, February 18, 1899.

-3 Elizabeth J. Criss (-1863 -).

No record on Elizabeth.

-4 Edwin M. (Edward) CRISS (-1865 - -1952).
(w) Louisa M. (Baxter) (-1868 - -1932).

Married October 5, 1887. Was active in farming.

After the death of Louisa, Edwin married Garnet Singleton, born circa 1898, in 1938. No issue.

Edwin is buried in the Follansbee Cemetery, Wellsburg, W. Virginia.

5 chn

a. John Clark CRISS (11-25-1888 - 1-10-1972).
(w) Ida Florence (McCombs) (10-25-1892 -).

Married June 7, 1910. Lived and raised their family in the Wellsburg area of West Virginia.

John is interred at the Brooke Cemetery, Wellsburg, W. Virginia.

6 chn

-1 Freda (Criss) (6-11-1911 - -1984).
(h) Harry W. BECK (5-20-1904 -).

Married August 28, 1929.

2 chn

a. Margery (Beck) (11-18-1932 -).
(h) Lewis BOWLEY (2-14-1931 -).

Married June 23, 1957.

3 chn

-1 Louanne Bowley (1-14-1960 -).
(h) Keith Lee WEAVER (-).

Married July 17, 1982.

-2 Bryan BOWLEY (4-27-1962 -).

-3 Brad BOWLEY (10-11-1967 -).

b. Donald W. BECK (5-15-1935 -).
(w) Emajean (Mull) (1-04-1935 -).

Married January 6, 1956.

2 chn

-1 Christy Beck (2-14-1962 -).

-2 Douglas BECK (8-03-1968 -).

-2 Urlin CRISS (9-15-1914 - 9-15-1914). Infant.

Buried Brook Cemetery, Wellsburg, W. Virginia.

-3 Frances (Criss) (1-05-1917 -).
(h) Gaylen McKITRICK (10-13-1920 -).

Married June 17, 1940.

2 chn

a. Larry McKITRICK (8-14-1942 -).
(w) Ardith (-).

Married February 2, 1961.

1 child

-1 Cynthia McKitrick (9-04-1964 -).

(w)2 Carol (12-04-1961 -).

b. David McKITRICK (5-11-1947 -).
(w) Shirley (Shephard) (-).

Married January 6, 1968. Divorced 1974.

1 child

-1 Galen McKITRICK (7-31-1968 -).

(w)2 Eugonda (Cawell) (6-26-1948 -).

Married June 26, 1976.

1 child

-2 Daniel McKITRICK (8-24-1978 -).

-4 Arthur Raymond CRISS (4-29-1919 - 6-19-1919). Infant.

Buried Brook Cemetery, Wellsburg, W. Virginia.

-5 Erma (Criss) (6-09-1921 -).
(h) Paul LINN (7-12-1919 - 3-15-1978).

Married August 3, 1943.

2 chn

a. William Criss LINN (7-11-1947 -).
(w) Nancy (-).

Married September 29, 1973.

2 chn

-1 Melany Linn (7-21-1977 -).

-2 Carrie Linn (4-11-1980 -).

b. Paula Criss Linn (2-17-1962 -).

-6 Conrad CRISS (11-30-1922 -).
(w) Margaret Rosalie (1-20-1928 -).

Married June 29, 1946.

2 chn

a. Paul LeRoy CRISS (10-05-1947 -).
(w) Cynthia Dawn (Keeney) (6-05-1950 -).

Married December 20, 1969.

2 chn

-1 Lori Criss (6-20-1972 -).

-2 Aaron CRISS (2-04-1974 -).

b. Roger Allen CRISS (1-02-1952 -).
(w) Patricia Ann (Brown) (10-05-1952 -).

Married April 15, 1975.

2 chn

-1 Michael Paul CRISS (8-21-1979 -).

-2 Jonathan Clark CRISS (3-20-1982 -).

EDWIN CRISS family - four generations

Left to right ---

Conrad (3rd) John Clark (2nd) Cecil (nephew) Paul (4th)
Florence (2nd) Edwin (1st) Edith Celina Allen

b. Olive B. (Criss) (-1890 - -1975).
(h) Franklin S. GERMON (-1886 - -1970).

Olive was the second child of Edwin and Louisa Criss. Born in West Virginia.

2 chn

-1 Glenn GERMON (-).

-2 Georgette Criss (Germon) (-).
(h) Ira GRAYSON (-).

c. Allen B. CRISS (-1893 - 3-20-1955)
(w) (-).
(w)2 Gladys (-).

d. Jessie M. (Criss) (3-30-1895 - 1-19-1919).
(h) Clarence GERMON (-).

Jessie interred Follansbee Cemetery, Follansbee, W. Virginia.

3 chn

-1 Ellen (Germon) (-).
(h) GOETZ (-).

-2 Audrey (Germon) (-).
(h) Ben CLARK (-).

-3 Shirley (Germon) (-).
(h) Bob WOLFE (-).

e. Edith Marie (Criss) (-1897 - -1975).
(h) Hazlette A. SCOTT (-1889 - -1943).

Married February 1, 1916. Born in West Virginia. Interred at the Bethel Church Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

4 chn

-1 Charles H. SCOTT (11-24-1916 -).
(w) Irene (Taylor) (-).

Married 1934. Divorced.

1 child

a. Edith Ann (Scott) (-).
(h) (-).

2 chn

-1 Scott (-).

-2 Billie Sue (-).

Edith Ann married a second time - no issue.

Edith Ann married a third time.

1 child

-3 Cristiana (-).

Charles H. SCOTT (#1 above) married second time.

(w)2 Helen (Wilson) (-).

Married 1944.

3 chn

b. Charla Jo Scott (-).

c. H. A. SCOTT (-).
(w) Jeanette (-).

Married 1981.

d. Patti (Scott) (-).
(h) Jno SCOTT (-).

-2 Marie Dorothy (Scott) (- 4-11-1981).
(h) David Paul SMILEY I (-1917 - -1974).

Married 1943. Interred Bethel Church Cemetery, Eldersville, Pennsylvania.

3 chn

a. David Paul SMILEY II (-).
(w) Chris (-).
(w)2 Patty (-).

2 chn

-1 Garry P. SMILEY (-).

-2 Laura Smiley (-).

b. Douglas Scott SMILEY (-1947 -).
(w) Mary (Dixon) (-).

Married 1965. Divorced.

2 chn

-1 Carole Smiley (-1966 -).

-2 Cathy Smiley (-1968 -).

c. Dale A. Scott SMILEY (-).

-3 Marion Ruth (Scott) (8-29-1920 -).
(h) Cecil Ralph MESTER (-).

Married October 28, 1944. Cecil a veteran of Naval Aviation WW II.

4 chn

a. Robbin Gaye (Mester) (4-05-1948 -).
(h) Rolland E. LANG (-).

Married June 21, 1980. No further information.

b. Vicki Raye Mester (8-22-1949 -).

c. Cecil Ted MESTER (8-06-1952 -).

d. Criss Scott MESTER (10-14-1958 -).
(w) Patricia (Medina) (-).

Married August 29, 1981.

1 child

-1 Cecil Scott MESTER (11-28-1981 -).

-4 Dale A. SCOTT (2-06-1929 -).
(w) Evelyn (Keck) (-).

3 chn

a. Karen Sue (Scott) (-1961 -).
(h) Ned THORP (-).

Married June 26, 1982.

b. Mark SCOTT (-).

c. Paul SCOTT (-).

-5 Laura E. Criss (3-21-1867 - 7-05-1897).

Laura was the fifth child of B. Franklin and Nancy J. Criss. No record of a marriage. Interred at United Methodist Church, Eldersville, Pennsylvania.

-6 Celina (Lina) Criss (-1869 -).

-7 Hiram (Hud) CRISS (-1874 -).

Hiram and his sister, Celina, evidently never married. In 1900, they were listed as living in Columbiana County, Ohio, Wellsville. Not too much is known about Hiram, but "Lina" as she was known, lived to a ripe old age.

In 1956, she published a booklet for the family regarding their history. Was at one time living in California and active in the Townsend movement.

In 1910, the father Benjamin F. Criss, age 75 and widowed, was living with Celina, age 40. She was noted as single and occupied as a dressmaker.

B. Clark C. CRISS (-1833 - 5-20-1884).
(w) Anna E. (Hill) (3- -1833 -).

Married circa 1851, and probably still in their teens. Records would indicate the marriage took place in Ohio County, West Virginia.

Anna was the daughter of Isaac and Jane Hill of West Liberty, Ohio County, West Virginia. Isaac was born in 1810 - Jane in 1805.

Besides being the mother of seven children, Anna also taught school in the Triadelphia District of Ohio County. In the 1900 census, three of the children were still living.

Clark and Anna were born in Pennsylvania, and are the grandparents of Cecil Criss of Wheeling, W. Virginia. (see photo page 103)

7 chn

-1 Jane Delphine (Criss) (-1852 -).
(h) Johnson MURRAY (-).

4 chn

a. Wilson MURRAY (-).

b. Milton MURRAY (-).

c. Anna (Murray) (-).
(h) ROSSELL (-).

1 child

-1 Virginia Rossell (-).

d. Burns MURRAY (-).

-2 Wilson Elzie CRISS (11-27-1855 - 1-11-1929).
(w) Martha Jane (McWreath) (-1867 -).

Married in 1907, and lived in the Triadelphia District of Ohio County, W. Virginia.

1 child

a. Cecil M. CRISS (-1909 -).
(w) Anna V. (-).

no issue

-3 Anna Criss (-1858 -).

Anna was evidently the first of the children to actually be born in West Virginia. Wilson and Jane Delphine were born in Pennsylvania.

-4 Isaac J. Hill CRISS (3-13-1859 - 4-18-1881). Twenty two years.

Succumbed to Typhoid.

-5 Charity Criss (-1864 -).

-6 George CRISS (-1869 -).
(w) Catherine "Kate" (Gibson) (-).

Married in 1890. George was a grocer, by trade.

2 chn

a. Infant, died at birth.

b. Mary Virginia (Criss) (-1897 - -1981).
(h) John PRIESS (-1896 - -1924).
(h)2 Albert ARMBRUSTER (-1906 - -1978).

1 child (h)1

-1 Donald Gibson PRIESS (-1919 - -1968).

-7 Ami (Criss) (-).
(h) Hanson MURRAY (-).

1 child

a. Edna (Murray) (-1885 -).
(h) Orion S. KOLLER (-1884 - -1945).

Married circa 1904. Anna E. Criss, grandmother of Edna, was living in at time of 1910 census.

3 chn

-1 Orion S. KOLLER, Jr. (-1906 - -1907). Infant.

-2 Harold M. KOLLER (-1910 - -1915). Five years.

-3 John R. KOLLER (- 9-26-1982).

C. Sarah E. (Criss) (-1835 - -1927).
(h) Hiram McMURRAY (-1840 - -1920).

Married circa 1864. Lived in Hanover and Jefferson Township's of Washington County, Pa. Interred at Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

4 chn

-1 William McMURRAY (-1865 -).

-2 John H. McMURRAY (-1867 - -1909).

-3 Alvie E. McMURRAY (3-11-1870 - 7-10-1911).
(w) Dora B. (1-30-1874 - 7-30-1894).

Interred Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

1 child

a. George R. McMURRAY (7-16-1894 - 8-04-1894). Fifteen days.

D. Rebecca (Criss) (-1838 -).
(h) McCULLOUGH (-).

E. Ruth Criss (4- -1844 -).

Remained a spinster, and lived with sister Sarah and husband, Hiram.

F. Caroline (Criss) (-1845 -).
(h) Lyman EDWARDS (-1841 -).

Married circa 1865. Lived in Washington County, Pa., Hanover Township.

2 chn

-1 Ella M. Edwards (-1866 -).

-2 Harry EDWARDS (-1875 -).

G. William Montgomery CRISS (-1847 -).
(w) Margaret (Craft) (-1848 -).

William was the seventh child of William G. and Mary Davis Criss of Washington County, Pa. Married circa 1873.

2 chn

-1 William Duncan CRISS (-1874 - -1901).
(w) Dora (Stephenson) (-1878 - 10-26-1927).

Married circa 1898. A rail-road employee. Killed on the job.

4 chn

a. David Montgomery CRISS (2-14-1900 - -1979).
(w) Iona (Blumfeldt) (- 4-23-1947).
(w)2 Julia (Lillion) (-).

Married (1) May 26, 1922. Death of wife.
Married (2) April, 1949.

1 child (w)1

-1 Gloria (Criss) (-).
(h) NAGEL (-).

b. William Duncan CRISS (4-19-1902 - 11-23-1966).
(w) Betty (Dinger) (-).

1 child

-1 Betty Jean (Criss) (-).
(h) W. E. LANCESTER (-).

c. Willa Frances (Criss) (3-10-1895 - 2-03-1983).
(h) Dr. Walter J. LACE (-).

2 chn

-1 Jane Lace (-).
-2 Dr. Richard LACE (-).

d. Carl Stephenson CRISS, Sr. (10-10-1897 -).
(w) Elizabeth "Betty" E. (Balog) (1-02-1903 -).

Married May 24, 1922. Make their home in Pennsylvania.

1 child

CARL S. CRISS, Jr.

1925 - 1984

-1 Carl Stephenson CRISS, Jr. (9-24-1925 - 1-29-1984).
(w) Mary J. (Lillion) (10-15-1921 -).

Married February 10, 1947. Carl a veteran of WW II.

4 chn

a. Lillian M. (Criss) (3-25-1951 -).
(h) John GISLER (-).

1 child

-1 Christopher Ian GISLER (-).

b. Carl S. CRISS, III (8-24-1953 -).
(w) Virginia (Whitten) (-).

2 chn

-1 Carl S. CRISS, IV (8-25-1981 -).
-2 Ashlle N. Criss (3-04-1984 -).

c. Debra S. (Criss) (4-25-1955 -).
(h) Frank LICARI (-).

2 chn

-1 Jason A. LICARI (11- -1974 -).
-2 Tina Licari (1- -1976 -).

d. Jon D. CRISS (3-10-1958 -).
(w) Laura (-).

2 chn

-1 Jon D. CRISS, Jr. (7-17-1981 -).
-2 Elizabeth S. Criss (5-01-1983 -).

-2 Frank Montgomery CRISS (-1878 -).
(w) Anne Mary (Coss) (4-23-1878 -).

3 chn

a. Clifford Percival CRISS (-1902 -).
(w) Gertrude (Kramer) (-).

1 child

-1 Betty Jane Criss (-).

b. Robert Earl CRISS (9-10-1907 - 5-05-1982).
(w) Emelia Darling Grace (Jones) (11-01-1906 -).

Married September 3, 1929.

2 chn

-1 Robert F. CRISS (4-23-1938 -).
(w) Jeane Louise (Eiseman) (3-28-1939 -).

Married June 24, 1961.

2 chn

a. Robert Howard CRISS (4-05-1965 -).
b. Daryl Jean Criss (5-06-1968 -).

-2 Kenneth Richard CRISS (9-28-1943 -).
(w) Judith Karen (Forshay) (-).

2 chn

a. Kenneth R. CRISS, II (-).
b. Karen Elaine Criss (-).

c. Sarah (Criss) (-1910 -).
(h) O. Wendall HOOVER (-).

Sarah was the third child born to Frank Montgomery and Ann Mary Criss.

1 child

-1 Nancy (Hoover) (-).
(h) Edward THRELFALL (-).

1 child

a. Edward Bruce THRELFALL (-).

H. Elizabeth Criss (-1851 - 3-28-1866). Fifteen years.

Interred at the United Methodist Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

I. Leonard M. CRISS (-1852 - -1927).
(w)1 Irene Franklin (-1860 - -1888).

Leonard was born at Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa. Was married circa 1876. Was occupied as a brick molder at one time. Buried Munhall, Pa.

3 chn (w)1

-1 Clark H. CRISS (9-16-1877 - 1-14-1921).
(w) Jennie (Thomas) (5-29-1882 - 12-22-1937).

Married circa 1904. Reported to be occupied in railroading and at the local pottery plants. Both interred at the Springhill Cemetery, Wellsville, Ohio.

4 chn

a. Lloyd CRISS (-1906 -).
(w) Halcia F. (-).

Married circa 1930.

4 chn

-1 Hugh CRISS (-1931 -).
(w) Phyllis (Scott) (-).

4 chn

a. Carolyn Criss (-1962 -).

b. Eric CRISS (-1965 - -1970). Five years.

c. Jennifer Criss (-1969 -).

d. Cathlene Criss (-1972 -).

-2 Tom CRISS (-).
(w) (Brown) (-).

3 chn

a. Terry Criss (-1961 -).

b. Debbie Criss (-1964 -).

c. Rita Criss (-1967 -).

-3 Clark CRISS (-).
(w) Louise (Alrich) (-).

-4 Ronald CRISS (-).
(w) Marcia (Johnson) (-).

2 chn

a. Joy Criss (-1962 -).

b. Allen CRISS (7-10-1966 -).

(w)2 Sandra (Anderson) (-).

b. Hilda (Criss) (-).
(h) Gates WHITE (-).

2 chn

-1 Patricia White (-).

-2 Joyce White (-).

c. Clark Glenn CRISS (1-09-1915 - 2-12-1983).
(w) Myrtle L. (Thomas) (-).

Married June 5, 1935.

2 chn

-1 Glenn N. CRISS (2-04-1939 -).
(w) Shirley (Helman) (-).

Married October 10, 1964.

1 child

a. Irene Criss (-).

d. Gailen David CRISS (-).
(w) June (Conroy) (-).

2 chn

-1 David CRISS (-).

-2 Michael CRISS (-).

-2 Oscar CRISS (8- -1879 -).
(w) Annie E. (9- -1880 -).

3 chn

a. son

b. son

c. son

-3 Everett CRISS (ca-1881 -).
(w) Elizabeth (Copeland) (ca-1902 -).

1 child

a. son

I. Leonard M. Criss married a second time to Mary Figley circa 1888. Mary was born 1867, died 1927.

4 chn

-4 Harry Antis CRISS (8- -1892 - -1968).
(w) Helen (Sauce) (-1891 - -1949).

Harry interred Pitcairn, Pa. - Helen at Youngstown, Ohio.

2 chn

a. Doris (Criss) (-).
(h) John McHUGH (-).

3 chn

-1 Barbara McHugh (-).

-2 Kathy McHugh (-).

-3 Doreen McHugh (-).

b. Ruth (Criss) (-).
(h) MATHEWS (-).

3 chn

-1 James MATHEWS (-).

-2 Ellen Mathews (-).

-3 Patricia Mathews (-).

LEONARD and MARY F. CRISS

-5 Ethel R. (Criss) (-1895 - -1959).
(h) Joseph BAGLEY (- -1935).

Joseph buried at Munhall, Pa. - Ethel at Homestead Park, Pa.

3 chn

a. Margaret (Bagley) (- -1972).
(h) RATAY (-).

1 child

-1 Donald RATAY (-).

b. Thelma (Bagley) (- 5-04-1979).
(h) SCHULTZ (-).

3 chn

-1

-2

-3

c. Joseph BAGLEY, Jr. (- 7- -1979).

-6 Lena Criss (7- -1898 - -1907). Nine years.

-7 Frances M. (Criss) (4-11-1901 -).
(h) John W. NOAH (-1899 -).

Married February 4, 1922, at Homestead, Pennsylvania.

(h)2 Emil KERN (7-30-1901 -).

Married 1927.

1 child

a. E. Leonard KERN (5- -1934 -).
(w) Mary Lou (Cerchiaro) (-).

2 chn

-1 Eugene L. KERN (5-18-1956 -).

-2 John Eric KERN (4-09-1961 -).

J. Eldorado CRISS (-1857 -).

Last of the known children of William and Mary Criss. Born in Pennsylvania, and raised in Washington County. As late as 1876, the Caldwell Atlas has him living in Hanover Township with his father, William. He was noted as a farmer dealing in grain, wool, and a grower of other stock animals. The 1876 entry is the last information on Eldorado.

This completes the data on the children and descendents of William and Mary Davis Criss.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778-1847) and their descendents---

4. JOHN CRISS (1-24-1806 - 5-23-1842).

John Criss was the fourth son and child of Jacob and Hannah Criss. Born and raised on the family farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Believed to have married a daughter of David Martin of Cross Creek Township.

Married circa 1826, John and his wife had one child, David M. Criss. During the period 1828-1833, this marriage was terminated by death or divorce. Nothing has been found in the records, and it is hoped the facts will come to light in the future.

About 1833, John Criss took as his second wife, Margaret Smith, daughter of Alex and Jennet Smith of Cross Creek. This marriage resulted in the birth of four more children.

Margaret Smith was born in 1812, and died August 20, 1882. She lived on the family farm with her son, Joseph, until her death. She is interred at the Cross Creek Cemetery along with a spinster daughter, Hannah Jane.

John Criss is interred at the Bethel Church Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa., with the parents, Jacob and Hannah Criss. Other members of the Criss family are also interred at this cemetery.

Nothing is known of the final resting place of John's first wife, but the records tend to indicate that John may have been involved in land holdings in Ol along with other members of the family. Possibly, the death of his wife ma, have taken place there. Only time will tell, and this perplexing part of the family history is one that hopefully will be resolved.

5 chn

A. David M. CRISS (9-01-1828 - 3-31-1875).
(w) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cole (7- -1833 - 2-09-1904).

David Criss was born in the Cross Creek area of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was raised on the farms of his father and uncle, William.

David was but thirteen years of age when his father died, and the stepmother, Margaret, was unable to tend the children. Upon the petition of David's grandfather, Jacob Criss, the court appointed his uncle, William Criss, as guardian.

TRIVIA Hannah L. Criss, by her father Rittenhouse, presented her petition setting forth that she is a minor under 14 years that she is entitled to an interest in the estate of her grandfather, Abraham Fink, deceased, in right of her mother, Mary (Fink) Criss, deceased, and that she has no person authorized to take charge of the same therefore praying the court to appoint her a guardian for that purpose. Wherefore the court appoint David M. Criss guardian of the estate of said minor and approve his bond 11-16-1854.

The above appointment evidently took place at about the time of David's marriage to Elizabeth Cole, of Cross Creek. Elizabeth was the daughter of William and Mary Cole, of Washington County, Pa. The elder Cole's

led the way for the two families into Iowa sometime prior to 1870 when they were situated in Madison County, Douglas Township. The elder Cole's are interred at the Primitive Baptist Church, Winterset, Iowa. Their final resting place is adjacent to that of their grandson, Joseph Oliver Criss, and his wife, Martha (Cox) Criss.

David Criss served in Beaver County, Pa., as an apprentice machinist. Later, in 1863, he and his half-brother, Joseph Criss, purchased a piece of land from their uncle, Samuel Wright, and built a steam saw mill.

Sometime between 1865 and 1868, David and Elizabeth made their way to Coshocton County, Ohio, and took up the life of a farm family. By this time the family had grown to five children. David Seymour was the first child born in Ohio.

David was struck down in the prime of his life by blood poisoning. His wife was carrying their ninth child at the time of his death. She continued to maintain the family in spite of the adversities, and saw them all reach maturity.

David is interred in the Jefferson Cemetery, Warsaw, Ohio. It is a small cemetery situated along the roadside, and his stone is very easily seen while passing by. Elizabeth passed away in 1904, and her burial spot has not been found.

9 chn

-1 Mary Bell (Criss) (3-09-1855 - 11-22-1918).
(h) John Marion ELDER (8-01-1848 - 1-17-1939).

Mary Bell was the first born of David and Elizabeth Criss. Born in Pennsylvania. She married John M. Elder March 16, 1876, and they made their home in Coshocton County, Ohio. Mr. Elder was born in Ohio. This couple later raised the orphaned sons of Arnold and Elizabeth Maud (Criss) Wright.

2 chn

a. David Cliff ELDER (5- -1877 - 6-03-1944).

b. Joseph R. ELDER (3-22-1881 - 6-04-1957).

-2 Avery Hudson CRISS (9-05-1858 - 1-15-1917).
(w) Laura (Shearer) (1-14-1859 - 1-04-1936).

Married March 13, 1884. Lived in Winterset, Iowa, and are interred at the Main Winterset Cemetery.

Believe Hudson influenced his brother, Joseph Oliver, to come to Iowa to seek his fortune.

4 chn

a. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wray (Criss) (6-21-1886 -).
(h) L. E. Samuels (6-21-1886 -).

Married November 25, 1905.

1 child

-1 Katherine (Samuels) (-).
(h) Paul G. LAGERQUIST (-).

Married April 11, 1931. Divorced.

(h)2 Robert STOCKWELL (-).

Married April, 1946. Divorced.

no issues

Note: Katherine is reported to have taken name of Hendershott after marriage of her mother to Rush G. Hendershott.

b. Ralph W. CRISS (11-15-1887 - 12-07-1915).
(w) Margaret (Denholn) (-).

Married February 20, 1911. Ralph is buried with parents at the Main Cemetery, Winterset, Iowa.

issue unk.

c. Roy J. CRISS (4-24-1892 - 1-16-1955).
(w) Florence Edna (Bartlett) (12-12-1895 -).

Married April 14, 1920. Roy a veteran of WW I. Made his home in Newton, Iowa, where he barbered as a trade.

no issue

d. Lillian Marie (Criss) (7-02-1897 - 9-19-1954).
(h) Walker Dewey McCLEEARY (-).

Married July 16, 1918. Made their home in Des Moines where "Dude" worked for the Heinz Corporation.

5 chn

-1 Phillip Ross McCLEEARY (1-18-1922 -).
(w) Shirley (McClelland) (-).

3 chn

a. Michael Ross McCLEEARY (4-26-1946 -).

b. Douglas Clark McCLEEARY (11-01-1949 -).

c. Jeffery Scott McCLEEARY (-).

-2 Rodney Bond McCLEEARY (6-19-1926 -).

-3 Forrest Max McCLEEARY (7-06-1928 -).

-4 James Lewis McCLEEARY (7-25-1931 -).
(w) Nathalie (McClaran) (-).

Married June 10, 1956.

2 chn

a. John Walker McCLEEARY (2-20-1957 -).

b. Bradley James McCLEEARY (5-18-1960 -).
(w) Donna (Snyder) (-).

-5 Donald Paul McCLEEARY (3-09-1936 -).

AVERY HUDSON CRISS

1858 - 1917

-3 Joseph Oliver CRISS (1-15-1861 - 12-03-1905).
(w) Martha (Cox) (9-27-1865 - 2-06-1951).

Born Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Moved with family to Coshocton County, Ohio, where he spent his childhood on a farm with the rest of his brothers and sisters.

Moved to Winterset, Iowa, as a young man, where his brother, Avery Hudson was already established. Worked on various farms as a "hand" until the time of his marriage.

Married Miss Martha Cox, daughter of Eli and Mary Mills Cox, in 1890. He and Martha rented a farm until 1898, when they went to Oklahoma to buy land. Disappointed with what they found, they returned to Winterset October 27, 1898. Continued to rent land until

JOSEPH OLIVER CRISS

1861 - 1905

MARTHA COX CRISS

1865 - 1951

1905 when they purchased 134 acres of land three miles north-east of Winterset, with the intent of making this the family home.

Joseph died after being stricken suddenly by a severe attack of appendicitis. This happened before his dream of establishing a home on his newly acquired acreage could be accomplished, and it was for the young wife to see this dream come true.

Martha and the children moved onto the property in early 1906, and lived temporarily in a small stone house existing on the property. In 1908, this place was replaced by a nine room frame home that is still in existence. (1983)

In the years that followed in which each and every child reached the age of maturity, many additions were to take place on the farm. A large barn was the first to go up, followed by the silo and large grainery. The associated out-buildings were added, and the home place became the home so well remembered by all the Criss children and their descendents.

7 chn

a. Mary Maude (Criss) (6-13-1891 - 8-11-1977).
(h) Ray CLIFTON (-1890 -).

Married October 8, 1913, Winterset, Iowa.

2 chn

-1 Criss Robert CLIFTON (4-11-1916 -).
(w) Goldie (-).

2 chn

a. Kenneth CLIFTON (-).

b. Wanda Clifton (-).

-2 Kenneth Franklin CLIFTON (10-08-1921 -).
(w) Wilma (Smiley) (5-30-1926 -).

Married December 27, 1945.

Kenneth, or "Butch" as he is known, is a veteran of the U. S. Navy, and saw service during WW II and Korea. Retired as a Chief Storekeeper (general service) after twenty years service. Lives in Charleston, South Carolina.

5 chn

a. Robert L. CLIFTON (3-29-1948 -).
(w) Shelia (Overling) (8-10-1951 -).

Married September 15, 1970.

2 chn

-1 Laura Denise Clifton (5-04-1971 -).

-2 Bryan Kevin CLIFTON (3-09-1976 -).

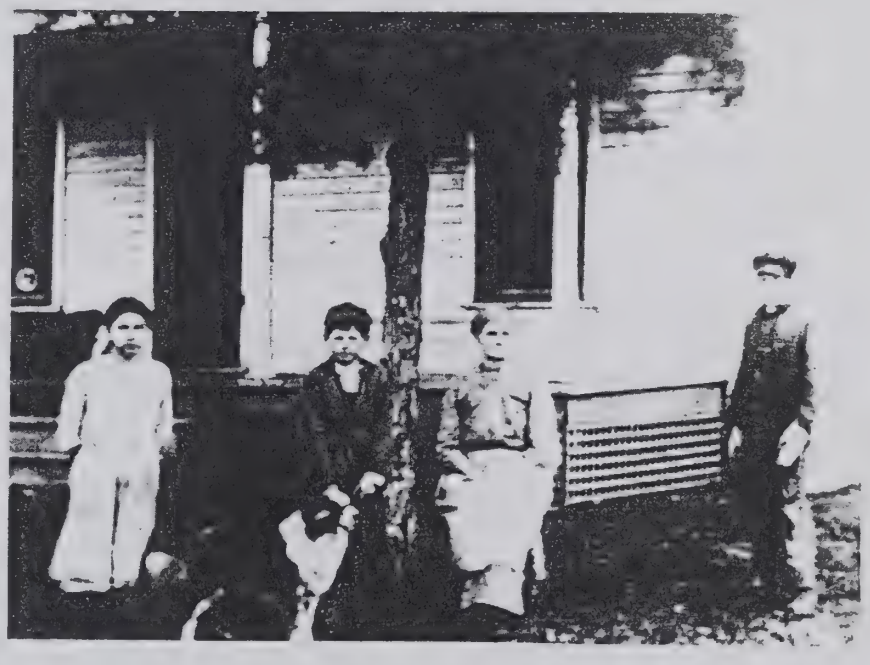
b. Mary Ann (Clifton) (10-25-1956 -).
(h) Kevin J. McDERMOTT (1-31-1955 -).

THE JOSEPH OLIVER CRISS CHILDREN

ISABELLA WILLARD LEONARD JOE CLARK HOWARD MAUDE

CRISS HOME- Winterset, Iowa

Erected 1908



Inset of above, circa 1911

ISABELLA JOE MARTHA CLARK

"PUP"

Married July 19, 1975.

2 chn

-1 Kevin John McDERMOTT, Jr. (1-08-1980 -).

-2 Jamie Richel McDermott (9-24-1981 -).

c. Paula Kay (Clifton) (2-25-1950 -).
(h) Christopher B. KING, Sr. (7-13-1946 -).

Married June 8, 1968.

2 chn

-1 Christopher B. KING, Jr. (11-05-1970 -).

-2 Kenneth KING (5-09-1973 -).

d. Curtis Kevin CLIFTON (7-03-1961 -).

e. Glenda Jean Clifton (8-25-1967 -).

a. Mary Maude (Criss) (6-13-1891 - 8-11-1977).
(h)2 Harvey "Butch" BULLIN (-1875 -).

Married for second time, 1925.

4 chn

-3 Curtis BULLIN (1-01-1926 -).
(w) Tallulah (Demo) (-).

Curtis was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. Saw service during WW II, Korea and Viet Nam. Retired as a Chief Motor Machinist after twenty years service. A native of Missouri.

1 child

a. Elsita Mary Bullin (-).

(w)2 (-).

(w)3 Diana (Daniels) (-).

1 child

b. Maury BULLIN (-).

-4 Joseph Harvey BULLIN (2-17-1928 -).
(w) Erma Jean (Strader) (8-07-1925 -).

Joe was a veteran of the U. S. Army. Saw service in the Korean conflict.

2 chn

a. Michael Shawn BULLIN (11-03-1962 -).

b. Patrick Mitchell BULLIN (6-20-1964 -).

-5 Phillip Gene BULLIN (1-27-1931 -).
(w) Donna Diane (Davis) (8-30-1932 -).

Married September 14, 1951, St. Joseph, Missouri. Gene is a veteran of service in the U. S. Navy. Served during the Korean conflict. A native of Missouri.

2 chn

a. Joseph Lloyd BULLIN (6-13-1952 -).
(w) Shelia May (Heddings) (7-02-1954 -).

Married May 31, 1975.

4 chn

-1 Joseph Lloyd BULLIN, Jr. (7-21-1976 -).

-2 Crystal Diane Bullin (9-09-1978 -).

-3 Tracy Sue (12-20-1970 -).

-4 Angy Ann (11-25-1973 -).

NOTE: Tracy Sue and Angy Ann adopted daughters of Shelia's first marriage.

b. Susan Diane (Bullin) (6-29-1956 -).
(h) Russell HERRIMAN (-).

Married June 11, 1977. Divorced July 1, 1981.

no issue

-6 Jackie Dean BULLIN (7-21-1932 -).
(w) Lona Lee (Poff) (-).

Jackie is a veteran of the U. S. Navy. Served during the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts. Retired after twenty years service as a Chief Aviation Metalsmith. Makes his home in Corpus Christi, Texas.

3 chn

a. Terri Lynn Bullin (10-31-1954 -).

b. Gary Dean BULLIN (12-15-1956 -).

c. Rebecca Lee Bullin (10-01-1959 -).

CRISS HOME, 1966

CRISS HOME, 1983

MARTHA COX CRISS

circa 1883

MAUDE and ISABELLA, ca 1903

CRISS REUNION, 1929, Winterset, Iowa -

Top row - Robert Clifton, Martha, Darlene McBride, Wayne
2nd row - Virgil, Francis McBride, Norma, Kenneth Clifton
3rd row - Ruth, Laverna, Joanne, Curtis Bullin
Botton - Joe Bullin (Criss except as indicated)

b. David Howard CRISS (11-14-1892 - 2-18-1966).
(w) Flossie May (Barr) (12-20-1892 - 7-04-1976).

Natives of Iowa. Flossie May the daughter of Arthur and Anne Barr of Madison County, Iowa. Oldest of six children, Flossie and Howard met through the United Presbyterian Church of Winterset.

Howard was a member of the National Guard when WW I broke out, and was called to active service. Mustered out at end of hostilities in 1918.

Married in 1918, farmed various acreages in Madison County. Remained a farmer all his life, except for a brief venture into operating a store in Lorimor, Iowa.

4 chn

-1 Gerald Wayne CRISS (2-12-1919 -).
(w) Ila Mae (Debord) (4-01-1922 -).

Natives of Madison County, Iowa. Married in 1941. Moved to California during WW II. Wayne served in the U. S. Navy during this period, and was discharged in 1946. The family remained in California after the war, and has lived in various residences in northern California.

2 chn

a. Sharon (Criss) (11-28-1941 -).
(h) Harold James McCOWN (4-06-1942 -).

Married October 6, 1962. Met while attending San Jose State College. Have lived in Castro Valley, California, since marriage. Very active in community affairs.

2 chn

-1 Caitlin (McCown) (1-03-1964 -).
(h) Daniel L. HENDRIX III (9-03-1960 -).

Married March 12, 1983, Castro Valley, California.

1 child

a. Joshua James HENDRIX (7-29-1984 -).

-2 Kelly Criss McCOWN (9-06-1968 -).

b. Joseph Shannon CRISS (11-18-1955 -).

-2 Virgil Howard CRISS (12-13-1922 -).
(w) Janice (Proud) (3-16-1925 - 6-09-1967).

Married December 31, 1946. Active as a farmer and operator of a grocery in Lorimor, Iowa.

4 chn

a. Susan Jorene Criss (3-03-1948 - 6-16-1957). Nine years.

b. Edward Earle CRISS (9-01-1949 -).
(w) Patricia (Blakely) (-).

1 child

-1 Jarod CRISS (2-13-1973 -).

(w)2 Kylene (Weiss) (-).

Married March 19, 1982. Make their home in the Lorimor area of Madison County, Iowa.

c. Skyler Dean CRISS (6-07-1957 -).
(w) Donna (Jones) (2-26-1959 -).

Married August, 1976.

2 chn

-1 Levi Matthew CRISS (2-16-1977 -).

-2 Joshua Wade CRISS (2-22-1980 -).

d. Juanita Reeves (Criss) (7-30-1953 -).
(h) Richard STRAWN (1-20- -).

Juanita lost her parents at an early age, and was adopted by Virgil and Janice.

2 chn

-1 Tricia Anne Strawn (11-04-1970 -).

-2 Ricky Dale STRAWN (7-25-1978 -).

-2 Virgil Howard CRISS
(w)2 Lois (Carlson) (7-08-1924 -).

Married September 11, 1970. Lois had children by previous marriage. No issue second marriage. Family continues to live in Afton, Iowa, where they have a small farm. They continue to operate a grocery in Lorimor, Iowa.

-3 Martha Joanne (Criss) (6-09-1926 -).
(h) Roy William ROCKSVOLD (5-02-1921 - dcd).

Married September 28, 1947.

1 child

a. Lynn Ellen Rocksvold (2-26-1949 -).

(h)2 William "Bill" STOUT (-).

Married October 17, 1981.

-4 Arthur Earle CRISS (3-23-1931 -).
(w) Mrs. Barbara Maxine (Driscoll) (3-18-1932 -).

Earle came to California in 1950, and joined the U. S. Navy. After recruit training, and various service schools, he was assigned to a VP (Patrol Squadron). Participated in many flights over the Sea of Japan during the Korean conflict. Attained the grade of Aviation Machinist Mate, first, prior to discharge.

Enlisted in the U. S. Air Force with the promise of becoming an Aviation Cadet. Assigned to the Air Force Base at Omaha, Nebraska, Earle met "Boots" while awaiting orders to flight training.

After a brief period as a cadet, Earle decided against the program, and returned to Omaha to finish up his obligated service. He and "Boots" were married, and began their life together in Omaha. Presently living in northern California.

3 chn

a. David Alvin DRISCOLL (4-28-1950 -).
(w) Janice (Morgan) (5-11- -).

David served a tour in the U. S. Navy, and was promoted to Petty Officer. Active in Law Enforcement since return to civilian life.

Married November 18, 1972.

2 chn

-1 David Arthur DRISCOLL (7-22-1976 -).

-2 Dianne Marie Driscoll (5-03-1979 -).

b. Sue Ann (Driscoll) (4-20-1954 -).
(h) Danny MITCHELL (-).

Married April 25, 1972.

1 child

-1 Tanya Anne Mitchell (3-27-1977 -).

c. Colleen Kay Criss (8-10-1960 -).

c. John Willard CRISS (10-23-1894 - 11-18-1975).
(w) Ida Mae (Algoe) (3-10-1895 - -1954).

Married January 5, 1921. Was a farmer most of his life. Raised Percheron horses and trained them as teams. Had a rural mail route in later years.

1 child

-1 Mary May Criss (8- -1924 - 8- -1924). Infant.

d. Leonard Joseph CRISS (6-18-1896 - 11-22-1974).
(w) Elsie (DeBok) (-1897 -).

Enlisted in U. S. Army during WW I. Was on his way overseas when the Armistice was signed. Served with the occupation forces in France.

Worked for various individuals in the Winterset area after his release from the Army.

Married August 16, 1922. Moved to California prior to WW II and worked at various jobs in northern California. At one time was active as a carpenter erecting new homes.

When WW II broke out, Leonard went to work for the U. S. Navy at the Mare Island Shipyards, Vallejo, Calif. He later retired from this job, and he and Elsie moved to Nevada.

1 child

-1 Laverne Maxine (Criss) (11-28-1925 -).
(h) William WARE (-).

2 chn

a. William Michael WARE (6-30-1946 -).
(w) Beverly Ann ( ) (7-08-1947 -).

3 chn

-1 Christopher Michael WARE (8-14-1971 -).

-2 Keven Matthew WARE (8-18-1975 -).

-3 Daniel Patrick WARE (2-24-1978 -).

b. Robert Douglas WARE (4-28-1950 -).
(w) Adelaide Marie ( ) (1-06-1953 -).

2 chn

-1 Adrienne Marie Ware (10-18-1974 -).

-2 Wendy Kristene Ware (7-12-1976 -).

e. Henry Clark CRISS (8-31-1899 - 3-19-1973).
(w) Vada Ellen (Mabbitt) (11-27-1905 -).
(w)2 Mrs. Margaret Emerson (-).
(w)3 Mrs. Rosa Boatwright (-).

Married Vada Ellen October 17, 1923. Started out married life working on various farms in and around Winterset, Iowa. Along with Mr. Virgil Fenimore, opened an "oil" station in Winterset, and remained with this venture until after the girls started to school.

In November, 1935, moved to Oskaloosa, Kansas. Here Clark ran a gasoline transport service. Moved in 1940 to Atchison, Kansas, and opened up a gas and service station on the Missouri side of the bridge over the Missouri River. The gasoline transport side of the business ceased with the start of WW II.

After establishing his residence in Atchison, Clark and Vada were divorced.

Married to Margaret during the 1950 and 1960 period. A wonderful woman full of kindness to everyone.

Married to Mrs. Rosa Boatwright, January 27, 1966. She survives the marriage, and lives in Colorado.

4 chn (w)1

1. Ruth Pauline (Criss) (10-20-1926 -).
(h) Roger MOERMAN (-).

5 chn

a. Lawrence Roger MOERMAN (5-23-1951 -).

b. Gari Remi MOERMAN (7-27-1953 -).

c. Anita Ruth Moerman (1-14-1957 -).

d. Lynne Ellen Moerman (5-30-1960 -).

e. David Omer MOERMAN (2-18-1964 -).

2. Norma Louise (Criss) (3-10-1924 -).
(h) Larry KUHN (-).

Married April 5, 1944. Live in Atchison, and continue with the operation of the service station pioneered by Norma's father, Clark Criss.

4 chn

a. Sandra (Kuhn) (7-24-1947 -).
(h) Carl SCHULTZ (-).
(h)2 John Paul BENTLEY (-).

no issue

b. Linda Ruth (Kuhn) (5-03-1951 -).
(h) Billy MOSTELLER (-).

3 chn

1. Mathew MOSTELLER (-).
2. Melody Mosteller (-).
3. Stacy Mosteller (-).

c. Marjorie Ellen (Kuhn) (1-06-1960 -).
(h) Alden Paul ROSS (-).

Married June 10, 1978. 2 chn

1. Andrew Joseph ROSS (2-05-1982 -).
2. Robert Earl ROSS (2-05-1982 -).

d. Larry Allen KUHN (6-01-1961 -).

3. Lloyd CRISS (2-09-1931 -).
(w) Mari Beth (Peck) (-).
(w)2 Jo (Phiffer) (-).

Enlisted in U. S. Navy, 1950, and served during Korean conflict. Married Mari Beth December 23, 1956. Divorced.

2 chn (w)1

a. Steven CRISS (9-14-1962 -).

b. Debra (Criss) (3-07-1959 -).
(h) John (-).

4. Myles J. CRISS (4-07-1933 -).

Served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

f. Isabella (Criss) (12-14-1901 -).
(h) Vernie Andrew McBRIDE (11-05-1902 - 7-11-1955).

Isabella was born and raised near Winterset, Iowa. Attended the local schools, and taught school for a period before marriage.

Vernie was born in Seneca, Kansas, and moved with his mother to the Winterset area after the death of his father in 1909. Grew up on the farm of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Lippy. Received his education at the Patterson School.

Married April 12, 1922. Vernie and Isabella made their home just east of Winterset at what is known to the family as the "old Tileville place." It was here that the first child was born.

After deciding that making a living out of farming was not to their liking, they moved in 1926 to Santa Ana, California, where Vernie worked for the Union Oil Company.

Moved to Long Beach, California, in December, 1927, where the second child was born. Moved to Compton, California in 1929, and lived there until after the earthquake of 1933, when they moved back to Long Beach to remain.

Both were employed in defense work during WW II, Vernie in the ship yards, and Isabella at a local machine fabrication plant.

After the war, Vernie returned to his first love, the oil fields of southern California. His health impaired by the rigors of his job in the shipyards, he retired in poor health. Buried at Westminster.

Isabella survives the marriage, and is the surviving member of the Joseph Oliver Criss children.

2 chn

-1 Francis Earl McBRIDE (9-02-1923 -).
(w) Davie Darlene (Dodson) (2-15-1922 -).

Davie was born and raised in South Texas in the Corpus Christi area. Graduated from the local grade schools, she attended South West State Teachers College at San Marcos for one year, and then to San Antonio where she graduated from the Santa Rosa School of Nursing in 1944.

Was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps, and served at various posts until the termination of WW II.

Born in Iowa, Francis received his education in various schools in southern California. Graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School in June, 1941.

Worked as an apprentice machinist in the Wilmington area until WW II. Enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and after a brief stay at the local receiving station, was assigned to the battleship, U. S. S. Pennsylvania. After various campaigns, was re-assigned Patrol Craft duty in the north Atlantic area.

Received orders to flight training in early 1945, and was in training when the war ended.

Actual flight training was received in Corpus Christi, where the couple met and were wed December, 21, 1946.

After many years of a very enjoyable career, retired from the Navy in June, 1966. Continued flying as a commercial pilot, and attained the rank of Captain in DC-8-63F jet liners. Called it quits again in 1975.

During the various assignments of the Navy, Davie managed to maintain her skills in nursing. After the family returned to civilian life, she worked at the local County Hospital for ten years, and is now retired from that job. Make their home in Castro Valley, California.

2 chn

a. Sheryl Susan (McBride) (2-12-1953 -).
(h) Kenn PRESCOTT (-).

Sheryl grew up while with her parents in various parts of the world while on Naval Assignment. She graduated from High School in Castro Valley, California, and attended University of the Pacific for one year. Graduated from Azusa Pacific College in 1975, where she majored in Music.

Met her husband while a student at Azusa Pacific. They were married May 10, 1975, after her graduation. Kenn graduated the following year in 1976. The marriage ended in divorce in April, 1981.

no issue

(h)2 David Alan MacKENZIE (6-17-1952 -).

David is the son of William and Mildred MacKenzie. Born in Kingsport, Tennessee, David attended the local schools.

Graduated from Milligan College in 1974, when he received his BA degree. Master of Music degree, Yale University, 1976. Master of Musical Arts, Yale, 1977. Musical Doctorate, Yale University, 1983. Presently attached to Georgia State at Atlanta as Ass't Professor of Music.

David and Sheryl were married June 25, 1983, and make their home in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia.

b. Paul Craig McBRIDE (9-13-1956 -).
(w) Gail Lee (McMullin) (8-30-1963 -).

Born in Coronado, California, and delivered by same team of doctors as his sister, but on two different tours of Navy duty. Paul was able to share in part of the world travels of his parents as their time in the Naval Service wound down to retirement.

Received most of his education in the California School system. Graduated from Castro Valley High School in June, 1974.

Enlisted in the U. S. Navy, December, 1975, and served four years. Attended various service schools, and after graduation, was assigned duty with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 37. Eight month deployment to Indian Ocean on U. S. S. Constellation. Attained grade of Aviaton Machinist Mate Second Class prior to discharge.

Gail Lee, daughter of William and Ruth McMullin, grew up in San Mateo, California. Graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1979.

Attended Cal-State University of Stanislaus for two years, leaving in 1981.

Graduated from the Beautician's Course at College of San Mateo, December, 1982.

Paul and Gail were married February 5, 1983, and make their home in Hayward, California.

-2 Edith Darlene (McBride) (7-08-1928 -).
(h) Paul Wortham BARKER (6-27-1923 -).

Darlene grew up in Long Beach, California, where she graduated from Polytechnic High School in June, 1946. Acquiring the skills of a secretary beyond her schooling, she was able to become personal secretary for one of the large automobile dealers in Long Beach shortly after graduation. This job lasted for about two years when she moved to Berkeley, California, and took on a like assignment.

"Jim," as he is affectionately known, was raised and educated in Berkeley. The son of Paul Charles and Fru Barker, he was of the right age to serve in WW II, and spent his time with the U. S. Navy.

After the war, Jim became employed at the Hunter Point Shipyard as a machinist. He saw many innovations during the years that saw him become a master at his trade.

The twilight of Jim's career saw him on assignment to various overseas ports as a representative of the local ship repair facilities.

Married February 15, 1950. Presently retired from Civil Service, and living in Oregon.

2 chn

a. Dana (Barker) (5-28-1951 -).
(h) Bill RYLE (-).

Born and raised in Berkeley, California. Dana graduated from Berkeley High School, January, 1969.

Married February 17, 1974. Divorced.

no issue

Worked for a number of years at Civil Service jobs in Oakland and Sacramento. Worked for various Veterinarian Hospitals in the local area, and acquired a high degree of technical expertise in animal care.

b. Kristin (Barker) (7-16-1954 -).
(h) Peter DUPREE (-).

Born and raised in Berkeley, California. Attended the local schools, and graduated from Berkeley High School in 1972. Briefly attended Merritt College in Oakland, California.

Married August 24, 1974. Divorced.

no issue

(h)2 Kirk CORMANY (8-03-1956 -).

Married in Idaho, where Kirk was employed with one of the local lumber companies.

3 chn

-1 Rhiannon Cormany (3-22-1978 -).

-2 Noah Lee CORMANY (1-23-1981 -).

-3 Kyle James CORMANY (7-04-1984 -).

g. Joseph Oliver CRISS (5-25-1904 - 5-04-1965).
(w) Blanche Irene (Painter) (5-07-1913 - 4-07-1978).

Obviously named after his father, was never known as "Junior." Born near Winterset, Iowa, and raised on the Criss farm. Completed nine years of education at local schools, and then returned to the farm to assist his mother in it's operation.

Blanche was the daughter of Ira Vinton and Ella (Fleming) Painter. They were married January 25, 1935. Divorced prior to 1941.

Joe drove for Greyhound Lines in Wyoming for a number of years prior to being conscripted for duty in the U. S. Army Air Corps during WW II. Was PFC with 592nd Tech. School Squadron, Gulfport, Mississippi. Discharged March 28, 1943 due to age. Received many nice reports from his superiors while in the service. Interred at Westminster, California.

1 child

-1 Eleanor Marie (Criss) (4-12-1937 -).
(h) George FLOSS (-).

Married circa 1960. Divorced.

4 chn

a. Cynthia Jo Floss (5-06-1962 -).
b. Julia Marie Floss (11-29-1963 -).
c. Arthur L. FLOSS III (9-08-1967 -).
d. Joseph D. FLOSS (3-19-1970 -).

(w)2 Gweneth Claire (Steece) (4-02-1905 -).

Joe and Gwen were married October 19, 1945. They purchased various ranches and farms in Oregon and California, but evidently couldn't find the place they wanted to call home.

Purchased land in Long Beach, and erected an apartment complex. Joe went to work at the Long Beach Shipyards, and built his home in Garden Grove during his spare time.

Gwen is a great pet lover, and their house was always home to at least two Cocker Spaniels.

After Joe's death, Gwen operated a boutique for dogs.

no issue.

CRISS FAMILY REUNION, 1929, Winterset, Iowa

Left to right - (Criss except as indicated)

Top row - Vada, Ruth, Clark, Harvey Bullin, Flossie, Howard, Darlene McBride, Martha, Leonard, Isabella (Criss) McBride, Joanne, Elsie, Willard, Ida.

2nd row - Norma, Kenneth Clifton, Virgil, Robert Clifton, Francis McBride, Wayne, Laverna.

Botton - Curtis Bullin, Maude (Criss) Bullin, Joe Bullin.

-4 Will Emma (Criss) (4-08-1863 - 2-14-1894).
(h) Samuel J. WEBB (-1857 - 8-20-1895).

Will Emma was born in Pennsylvania, the fourth child of David and Elizabeth Criss. Raised on the family farm, and received all the local schooling available.

Married Samuel Webb, September 29, 1885, in Coshocton County, Ohio. The marriage was short, as both were struck down at an early age.

2 chn

a. Norma (Webb) (11-30-1892 - 2-02-1970).
(h) Roy E. BAKER (-1893 - -1975).

Married June 29, 1918.

2 chn

-1 Dale C. BAKER (-).
(w) Dorothy (-).

3 chn

a. Carla (Baker) (-).
(h) John WILLIAMS (-).

b. Karen (Baker) (-).
(h) Charles THACKER (-).

c. Becky (Baker) (-).
(h) JEROME (-).

-2 Donald E. BAKER (10-08-1922 -).
(w) Janet (Zahnizer) (9-26-1922 -).

Married June, 1945.

2 chn

a. Steven W. BAKER (10-23-1947 -).
(w) Louise (Burrell) (8-14-1947 -).

Married October 31, 1970.

3 chn

-1 Sara W. Baker (11-22-1972 -).

-2 Beth N. Baker (10-28-1975 -).

-3 Chad E. BAKER (1-15-1980 -).

b. Susan D. Baker (4-15-1949 -).

b. Infant Webb (8-15-1889 - 7-17-1890). One year.

-5 Sylvania Annetta (Criss) (9-27-1865 - 12-28-1953).
(h) Nathan E. SHAW (7-21-1865 - 3-22-1952).

Sylvania, or "Nettie" as she was known, was the last of the children born in Pennsylvania. She was very young when her parents made the trip to Ohio to set up residence. Raised on the family farm, she was but ten years old when her father passed away.

Nathan was the son of Daniel and Ethalia Shaw, of Bedford Township, and he was raised on a farm with four sisters and three brothers.

Nathan and Nettie were married September 5, 1889, and made their home in Coshocton County, Ohio.

Sylvania Annetta, or "Nettie" (Criss) Shaw, fourth from the left, with Elmer K. Cole family of Winterset, Iowa.

Elmer, extreme left, is a nephew of Nettie's mother, Elizabeth (Cole) Criss.

4 chn

a. Marie Elizabeth (Shaw) (3-08-1894 - 12-31-1974).
(h) Kenneth Sproull DICKERSON (7-08-1897 - 1-22-1976).

Married November 4, 1920.

no issue

b. Ruth (Shaw) (10-06-1896 -).
(h) Burl E. "Jack" WALTERS (3-01-1893 - 3-04-1969).

Married January 4, 1919.

7 chn

-1 Carlos Shaw WALTERS (8-07-1919 -).
(w) Gladys Faye (Cheney) (3-16-1918 -).

Married March 7, 1939.

8 chn

a. Carlos Shaw WALTERS, Jr. (12-23-1939 -).

b. Gladys Ruth (Walters) (7-04-1941 -).
(h) Dennis WOOD (9-25-1942 -).

Married October 6, 1961.

5 chn

-1 Dennis WOOD (4-23-1963 -).

-2 Roy WOOD (12-24-1964 -).

-3 Scott WOOD (2-22-1966 -).

-4 Gladys Wood (4-05-1970 -).

-5 Heather Wood (12-10-1972 -).

c. Gene Paul WALTERS (12-21-1943 -).
(w) Sandra (Butler) (7-03-1947 -).
(w)2 Laura (Hoops) (-).

Married (1) February 3, 1965. Divorced October 9, 1979.
Married (2) November 21, 1979.

3 chn (w)1

-1 Jon Paul WALTERS (3-01-1966 -).

-2 Michael Shawn WALTERS (11-10-1968 -).

-3 Michelle Dawn Walters (12-03-1973 -).

d. Thomas WALTERS (3-16-1946 -).
(w) Melody (Wood) (4-08-1949 -).

Married October 7, 1967.

2 chn

-1 Tracey Lynn Walters (5-01-1968 -).

-2 Thomas Duane WALTERS (12-10-1974 -).

e. Elizabeth (Walters) (8-09-1950 -).
(h) Henry PERKINS (3-29-1951 -).

Married September 27, 1969.

3 chn

-1 Michelle Renay Perkins (12-20-1971 -).

-2 Michael Henry PERKINS (6-15-1974 -).

-3 Mary Elizabeth Perkins (7-31-1977 -).

f. Christine (Walters) (4-18-1954 -).
(h) Roger CONKLE (-).

Married March 29, 1975. Divorced December 21, 1977.

1 child

-1 David Lee CONKLE (6-14-1975 -).

g. Kathleen (Walters) (7-03-1955 -).
(h) Gary CARNES (7-04-1954 -).
(h)2 Raymond L. GRAHAM (7-19-1945 -).

Married (1) March 7, 1974. Divorced December 7, 1977.
Married (2) September 1, 1979.

1 child (h)1

-1 Becky Carnes (9-12-1975 -).

1 child (h)2

-2 Christeen Lynn Graham (2-21-1980 -).

h. John WALTERS (11-19-1952 -).
(w) Bobbi Jean (McKee) (9-12-1956 -).

Married October 26, 1973.

3 chn

-1 Dawna Faye Walters (5-16-1974 -).

-2 Shannon Marie Walters (5-09-1977 -).

-3 John Brandon WALTERS (3-19-1979 -).

-2 Hazel Marie (Walters) (3-27-1921 -).
(h) Howard E. HUTSON (6-11-1918 -).
(h)2 Richard Henry SLAUGHTER (12-22-1917 -).

Married (1) June 12, 1943. Divorced November 27, 1944.
Married (2) May 9, 1945.

1 child (h)1
4 chn (h)2

a. Ruth Ann (Hutson) (3-11-1944 -).
(h) Steven E. FLOWERS (5-10-1942 -).

Married 4-26-1962.

3 chn

-1 Kimberly Ann Flowers (9-23-1962 -).

-2 Kelly Renee' Flowers (4-20-1966 -).

-3 Steven FLOWERS (7-14-1969 -).

b. James Earl SLAUGHTER (9-23-1946 -).
(w) Sheryl (Bebout) (2-22-1945 -).

Married October 19, 1967.

1 child

-1 James Keith SLAUGHTER (10-18-1973 -).

c. Barbara Adelva (Slaughter) (10-30-1948 -).
(h) Lennie David THOMAS (2-10-1947 -).

Married December 20, 1966. Divorced January 24, 1979.

2 chn

-1 Dee Dee Thomas (1-14-1968 -).

-2 Randy David THOMAS (1-15-1969 -).

d. Richard Nathan SLAUGHTER (11-07-1951 -).
(w) Christina Ann (Little) (6-05-1955 -).

Married June 8, 1974. Divorced June 21, 1976.

no issue

e. David Burl SLAUGHTER (12-08-1954 -).

-3 Annettia Jean (Walters) (7-08-1923 -).
(h) Glenn James BIBLE (5-26-1920 - 11-06-1975).

Married April 22, 1943.

7 chn

a. James Neil BIBLE (9-04-1944 -).
(w) Wilma Jean (Fox) (2-03-1948 -).

Married June 11, 1966.

3 chn

-1 Brian Neil BIBLE (1-03-1967 -).

-2 Bradley Dean BIBLE (3-07-1969 -).

-3 Brent Alan BIBLE (4-02-1970 -).

b. Jackie George BIBLE (9-05-1945 -).
(w) Sandra Sue (Casey) (11-15-1947 -).
(w)2 Patricia Ann (Patterson) (1-05-1951 -).

Married (1) 1965. Divorced.
Married (2) June 22,1974.

2 chn (w)1
* 1 child (w)2

-1 Angela Sue Bible (5-05-1967 -).

-2 Terrance Jack BIBLE (9-10-1969 -).

* -3 Chad Edward BIBLE (5-31-1977 -).

c. Judith Ann (Bible) (3-21-1947 -).
(h) John Wesley JENKINS (6-08-1944 -).

Married October 18, 1964.

2 chn

-1 John Paul JENKINS (7-29-1969 -).

-2 Jesse Glenn JENKINS (2-26-1971 -).

d. Scott Eugene BIBLE (5-04-1949 -).
(w) Becky (Emler) (12-26- -).

Married October, 1972. Divorced March 5, 1982.

2 chn

-1 Adam Scott BIBLE (4-02-1973 -).

-2 Shawn Eric BIBLE (11-28-1975 -).

e. Linda Sue (Bible) (9-18-1950 -).
(h) James Patrick GILL (11-29-1950 -).

Married February 22, 1969. Divorced July 31, 1978.

1 child

-1 Jon Jay GILL (11-09-1969 -).

f. Marilyn Faye (Bible) (2-20-1952 -).
(h) David Earl RAMSEY (11-30-1949 -).

Married October 24, 1968. Divorced.

1 child

-1 David Scott RAMSEY (4-01-1969 -).

g. Patricia June (Bible) (6-05-1953 -).
(h) William Henry BRYANT (12-31-1949 -).

Married January 26, 1973.

2 chn

-1 Tesa Rae Bryant (10-31-1974 -).

-2 Seth William BRYANT (1-08-1978 -).

-4 Elizabeth Nadine (Walters) (7-31-1925 -).
(h) George A. "Bert" DARR (1-09-1920 -).

Married December 29, 1945.

3 chn

a. Donald Edward DARR (3-07-1947 - 8-04-1963). Accidental

b. Janice Carleen (Darr) (2-11-1952 -).
(h) Carl H. FOWLER (8-11-1952 -).

Married June 29, 1973. Divorced September 8, 1978.

1 child

-1 Chad H. FOWLER (9-25-1976 -).

c. Lillian Carol (Darr) (9-07-1956 -).
(h) Joseph HUTCHINSON (11-11-1938 -).

Married June 15, 1981.

1 child

-1 Elizabeth Mary Hutchinson (1-13-1981 -).

-5 Sarah Lu Netta (Walters) (7-22-1928 -).
(h) Leon A. BACON (3-27-1914 -).

Married September 29, 1950.

3 chn

a. Stephen Eric BACON (4-23-1958 -).
(w) Robin Marie (Freeman) (5-23-1959 -).

Married November 17, 1978. Divorced June 14, 1982.

no issue

b. Shawn BACON (7-11-1961 -).
(w) Pamela Ann (Solomon) (7-18-1963 -).

Married August 30, 1980.

1 child

-1 Sean Lee BACON (7-04-1981 -).

c. Susan Charlene (Bacon) (10-07-1953 -).
(h) John MORGAN (8-10-1951 -).

Married March 4, 1972.

1 child

-1 Tiffany Noel Morgan (12-24-1972 -).

-6 Myron Burl WALTERS (12-14-1929 -).
(w) Betty L. (Grace) (10-01-1932 -).
(w)2 Mary (Moyer) (4- -).

Married (1) May 2, 1953. Divorced November 2, 1972.
Married (2)

3 chn

a. Karen S. (Walters) (11-11-1953 -).
(h) John MYERS (-).
(h)2 David THOMSON (5-30-1952 -).

Married (1) November 12, 1971. Divorced August 4, 1976.
Married (2) September 11, 1976. Divorced Dec. 6, 1979.

1 child (h)1

-1 Jamie Thomson MYERS (3-31-1973 -).

b. Kathy J. (Walters) (9-24-1955 -).
(h) Kerry D. STONE (3-04-1951 -).

Married August 4, 1973.

1 child

-1 Amy Jo Stone (12-04-1976 -).

c. Gregory A. WALTERS (6-02-1957 -).

-7 Faye Ann (Walters) (11-11-1940 -).
(h) Rodney Keith ALBERTSON (8-14-1941 -).

Married August 21, 1960.

2 chn

a. Jennifer Ann Albertson (6-21-1966 -).

b. Michael Keith ALBERTSON (5-09-1970 -).

c. Daniel Criss SHAW (5-17-1891 - 5-18-1951)
(w) Edna Fitch (Miller) (5-02-1887 - 1-04-1957).

Married September 20, 1919.

no issue

d. Russel Cass SHAW (8-03-1899 - 6-22-1979).
(w) Olive (Darr) (9-29-1900 - 3-22-1974).

Married October 23, 1920.

no issue

-6 David Seymour CRISS (5-30-1868 - 7-08-1934).
(w) Viola (Coplen) (4-24-1874 - 2-20-1946).

David was the sixth child, and third son, of David M. and Elizabeth (Cole) Criss. Born in Coshocton County, Ohio, he was the first of the children born in Ohio. He spent his early life on the home farm in Warsaw.

Married Viola Coplen, daughter of Orange and Emma (Fowler) Coplen, October 18, 1893, and became the parents of three sons and five grandchildren.

In 1894, David and his younger brother, Elijah, decided to engage in the undertaking business. While it was a partnership, they had two locations. Elijah opened a business in Frazeysburg, and David one in Hanover. Both places opened November 1, 1894.

Since then, Criss Brothers have been continuously in the business. In the early days, the same equipment was used in both places of business, and the members of the firm assisted each other in the funeral work.

During the ensuing years, four different locations have housed the firm. In 1921, they completed their own building which was one of the most modern and complete funeral homes in the County.

David was never an office seeker, nevertheless, he was a staunch Democrat, and many affairs of the Party were discussed in the office of the funeral home when friends gathered for friendly conversation.

After a normal day in his office, David became ill the night of July 4th, 1934. The illness persisted, and two nights later, he was operated on. Complications from a ruptured appendix set in, and David passed away the following Sunday afternoon, July 8, 1934. Burial at Hanover Cemetery, Hanover, Ohio.

DAVID and "OLLIE" CRISS

3 chn

a. David Ralph CRISS (11-07-1894 - 2-05-1971).
(w) Bernice (Mears) (5-21-1896 -).

Married May 1, 1919.

2 chn

-1 Helen (Criss) (11-09-1922 -).
(h) Lloyd CROUSE, Jr. (5-21-1923 -).

Married circa 1947.

1 child

a. Molly Postlewaite (Crouse) (-1950 -).
(h) Tom SEVERNS (-).

1 child

-1 Shannon Reardon Severns (-1972 -).

-2 Ruth (Criss) (1-12-1920 -).
(h) Eugene COOPER (3-08-1912 -).

2 chn

a. Robert Wentz COOPER (2-13-1942 -).
(w) Charlene (Thompson) (-).

1 child

-1 Robert Wentz COOPER, Jr. (5-06-1962 -).

b. Ann Elizabeth (Cooper) (10-05-1943 -).
(h) Paul OYER (12- -).

2 chn

-1 Jeffery OYER (4-17-1972 -).

-2 Elizabeth Ann Oyer (12-18-1983 -).

b. Harold Bryan CRISS (11-12-1898 - 10-30-1969).
(w) Laura (Lauderbaugh) (-).
(w)2 Dorothy (Ashcraft) (-).

Married (1) circa 1929. Divorced.
Married (2) 1953.

3 chn (w)1
no issue (w)2

-1 Earl CRISS (2-20-1931 - 9-13-1982).
(w) Phyllys (Wilcox) (3-07-1931 -).

Earl and Phyllys were married in 1949. Her parents are Ora and Laura (Mohler) Wilcox, of Ehprata, Pennsylvania.

Earl had just been elected to the board of directors of his Firm in Toledo, Ohio, when his health began to fail. He and Phyllys moved to Florida, and lived there but a short time before he passed away.

Interred at the Ottawa Hills Memorial Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio

4 chn

a. Laura (Criss) (3-08-1952 -).
(h) John TRUMBULL (-).
(h)2 John HARPER (-).

Married (1) circa 1972. Divorced.
Married (2) circa 1980.

1 child (h)1
1 child (h)2

-1 Jesse TRUMBULL (8-28-1973 -).

-2 Chad HARPER (1-15-1981 -).

Note: Two children by Mr. Harper by first marriage.
John and Angela Harper.

b. Jacqueline (Criss) (10-14-1953 -)
(h) Rick MEHLE (-).

3 chn

-1 Brigette Mehle (11-10-1975 -).

-2 Branden Mehle (9-30-1978 -).

-3 Britteny Mehle (7-23-1981 -).

c. Wanda (Criss) (5-13-1957 -).

1 child

-1 Danielle (8-04-1981 -).

d. Mark Earl CRISS (11-23-1958 -).
(w) Cheryl (Bloch) (12-26-1958 -).

1 child

-1 Paul Wesley CRISS (8-16-1981 -).

Note: Mark named his son after an infant brother that lived but five hours.

-2 Myron Frederick CRISS (9-04-1927 - 8-21-1950).

Myron was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. Died at an early age due to injuries received in a truck-tractor accident.

Interred Frazeysburg Cemetery.

-3 Lola (Criss) (-).
(h) Herman BACH (-).
(h)2 Richard RAETHER (-).
(h)3 Robert LOCKARD (-).

Married (1) Divorced.
Married (2) Divorced.
Married (3) -1971.

3 chn (h)1

-1
( )

-2
( )

-3
( )

HAROLD BRYAN CRISS
1898 - 1969

c. Raymond Orange CRISS (2-13-1904 - 3-29-1975).
(w) Mrs. Effie Rahn Frye (6-29-1909 -).

Raymond was born and raised in Hanover, Ohio, where his father was in partnership in a funeral home.

He was a member of the Hanover Presbyterian Church, and worked for the Alban Furniture Company.

Raymond served his country during WW II in the U. S. Army. Was a member of the American Legion of Hanover.

Married Mrs. Effie Rahn Frye, September 22, 1943. She is the daughter of William Hoadley and Caroline (Fulbright) Rahn. She had been married previously to Hubert William Frye, and they were the parents of one child.

Raymond is interred in the Newark Memorial Gardens.

1 stepson

-1 William Richard FRYE (9-03-1929 -).
(w) Kathleen Carol (Sagar) (-).

Married April 8, 1956.

2 chn

-7 Elijah Campbell CRISS (11-25-1870 - 3-19-1953).
(w) Elizabeth Jane (Hamilton) (8-26-1879 - 7-06-1929).
(w)2 Mrs. Hazel D. Martin (-).

Elijah was the fourth son of David M. and Elizabeth Cole Criss. He was the third known member of the Criss family to bear the name of Elijah. The first was a grand uncle, and the second was a half brother of his father, David M. Criss.

Our subject was born and raised in Ohio, and spent his childhood on the family farm in Warsaw.

In 1894, Elijah and his older brother, David S. Criss, began the start of a funeral business that still exists in Newark, Ohio. After practicing their business in various locations, and with various other business associates, they settled in Newark on West Main Street, in one of the most modern and complete funeral homes in the County.

Following the death of David in 1934, his interests were taken over by Joseph and Richard, Elijah's sons, who had been associated with the business. The latest building of the funeral home is in Granville Street, and opened May 19, 1952.

Elijah retired in 1950, and the funeral home was operated by his sons. Joseph passed away prior to his father, and Richard continues with the operation of the Criss Brothers Funeral Home.

After suffering failing health for some time, Elijah passed away March 19, 1953.

Elijah and Elizabeth Hamilton were married June 1, 1889. They are interred together at the Frazeysburg Cemetery.

2 chn

a. Joseph H. CRISS (9-03-1902 - prior 1953).
(w) Margaret (Osborn) (11-24-1904 -).

Joseph was probably born in Frazeysburg, Ohio, where his father was in business. Later participated in the family business in Newark, Ohio, where he was active until his death.

Margaret was born in Coshocton County, Franklin Township, Ohio. She survies the marriage, and continues to live in Newark.

no issue

b. Richard Van Tassel CRISS (-).
(w) Miriam (-).

Born in Ohio. Veteran of U. S. Air Corps, and served in WW II.

Surviving member of the family involved in the funeral business at Newark, Ohio.

2 chn

-1 Frederick CRISS (-).

-2 Cheryl (Criss) (3-02-1944 -).
(h) Fred LUTZ (-).

no issue

-8 Elizabeth Maud (Criss) (3-24-1873 - 4-14-1908).
(h) Arnold Marshall WRIGHT (2-14-1872 - 6-17-1905).

Arnold was the son of Ethan A. Wright, and the grandson of Nathan and Elizabeth (Ripley) Wright, Jr., of Bedford Township, Coshocton County, Ohio. The Wright family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in the early part of the nineteenth century, and settled in the Bedford area. The cemetery at New Bedford has three generations of the Wright family interred there.

Elizabeth and Arnold were married August 6, 1899. Their marriage was short lived, as death took them both at an early age. They were the parents of three sons. One son died at age two, and the older boys became the wards of an aunt and uncle, Mary and John Elder.

Mary Elder was the older sister of Elizabeth, and she and her husband had two older boys of their own. These sons were in their twenties when the children of Arnold and Elizabeth joined them.

ELIZABETH MAUD CRISS

1873 - 1908

ARNOLD MARSHALL WRIGHT

1872 - 1905

Around 1912, the Elder family moved to Corning, California, where they made their home. The children of Elizabeth and Arnold continued their education here.

In 1918, aunt Mary passed away, and Rudyard, the oldest of the two wards, went to Placerville, California, and lived with his cousin, Cliff Elder. Myron Wright, the younger of the two boys, continued to live with his uncle John in Corning.

3 chn

a. Rudyard Ray WRIGHT (5-03-1902 -).
(w) Mildred (Routledge) (4-22-1908 -).

After finishing school, Ray joined the U. S. Army, and served a period of four years (1920-1924). After his service time, Ray returned to where his parents had lived, and visited with the various members of the two families still living in the area. He also made a trip to Iowa to visit the family of his uncle, Joseph O. Criss. This visit took place circa 1925.

MYRON ALLEN WRIGHT

1903 - 1967

RUDYARD RAY WRIGHT

1902-

Married in Ohio to Mildred Routledge, September 3, 1938. She is the daughter of John Nelson and Emma Zetta Florence (Bower) Routledge.

Moved to California in 1939, where after various jobs, Ray became a linotype operator for the San Francisco Examiner Newspaper. Retirement from this job came in 1967.

2 chn

-1 Judith Ann (Wright) (3-20-1943 -).
(h) Paul C. ROBLES (1-25-1941 -).

Married September 3, 1966.

2 chn

a. Gregory Criss ROBLES (11-09-1974 -).

b. Krista Lynn Robles (11-15-1976 -).

-2 Marsha Lynn (Wright) (10-26-1945 -).
(h) K. LEBBERT (-).
(h)2 D. M. GRASSINGER (6-11-1940 -).

Married (1) July 14, 1972. Divorced.
Married (2)

2chn (h)2
previous marriage

a. Mitchell GRASSINGER (-).

b. Mark GRASSINGER (-).

b. Myron Allen WRIGHT (8-03-1903 - 7-21-1967).
(w) Margaret (-).

Myron was a native of Ohio. Had lived in Salinas, California since 1947, where he was a former owner of the El Rey Motel.

Myron was a veteran of service with the U. S. Navy, particulars unknown.

2 chn

-1 Robert Allen WRIGHT (12-19-1931 - -1974).
(w) Shirley (-).

Born in Westwood, California. Graduate of Modoc Union High School in Alturas, Calif. Attended Hartnell Junior College in Salinas, Calif.

Robert served with the U. S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict.

Robert passed away in Carson City, Nevada, where he worked for Harrah's at Stateline.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and St. Teresa's Parents Club.

2 chn

a. Mark Hollister WRIGHT (-).

b. Stacey Michelle Wright (-).

-2 Betty (Wright) (-).
(h) Glen SHERMAN (-).

2 chn

a. Linda Sherman (-).

b. Dana Sherman (-).

c. Arnold Wade WRIGHT (8-26-1905 - -1907).

Arnold was the last of the children born of the marriage between Arnold Marshall and Elizabeth Maud (Criss) Wright.

-9 Sarah A. A. "Annie" Criss (7- -1875 -).

Annie was the last of the children of David M. and Elizabeth (Cole) Criss. Never married, the story of her life has remained a mystery. She was living with her mother in 1900, but after the mother's death the life of Annie becomes a blank. Reported to be sickly by members of the family, it's possible she did not survive long after the death of her mother, Elizabeth.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778-1847) and their descendents---

4. JOHN CRISS (1-24-1806 - 5-23-1842). REFER page 117.

To briefly recap the info commencing page 117, John Criss had a second wife, Margaret Smith, daughter of Alex and Jennet Smith of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. This marriage took place circa 1833, and resulted in further issue.

4 chn

B. Joseph CRISS (8- -1834 - -1909).
(w) Julia A. (Scott) (5- -1843 - -1904).

After the death of Joseph's father, John, he continued to live on the family farm with his mother, Margaret. In the meantime, Joseph and his future bride continued to live on neighboring farms. It wasn't until late in the year, 1882, that Margaret passed away. Soon afterwards, Joseph and Julia were married.

Julia was the daughter of Samuel and Harriett Ellen (Johnson) Scott. Samuel and Harriett were both born in Pennsylvania, with Samuel's father coming from Ireland.

Julia's mother, Harriett, was the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Criss) Johnson, and a niece of John Criss. Therefore, the marriage between Joseph and Julia was one of cousins. Perhaps this is one reason that the marriage was delayed until the death of Margaret, with her disapproval a factor.

Joseph and Julia became the parents of a child, but the age factor was against them. The child did not survive for an appreciable time.

Julia and Joseph are interred at the Tucker Methodist Churchyard just east of Paris, Pennsylvania.

C. Hannah Jane Criss (3-20-1836 - 3-22-1862).

Lived with her mother and brother all her life. Was active as an English teacher in the Cross Creek area. Never married. Interred at the Cross Creek Cemetery with her mother, Margaret.

D. Mary Elizabeth Anne (Criss) (4- -1839 -).
(h) Robert MARQUIS (-1830 -).

Married circa 1861.

5 chn known

a. Edward MARQUIS (-1863 -).

b. John S. MARQUIS (-1865 -).

c. Mary L. Marquis (-1866 -).

d. Josiah L. MARQUIS (-1868 -).

e. James MARQUIS (-1870 -).

E. Elijah H. CRISS (6- -1840 - -1921).
(w) Caroline F. (Amspoker) (12- -1849 - -1929).

Caroline "Carrie" was the daughter of George and Rebecca Amspoker. The Amspoker family were at one time members of the Cross Creek community, and other marriages between the two families took place. The elder Amspokers are buried at the St. Johns Cemetery east of Colliers, W. Va.

Elijah and Carrie lived with her folks for a period before moving into Guernsey County, Ohio, where they farmed. Rudyard Wright, (pg 151) can remember visiting with Elijah and Carrie as a very young boy.

Apparently without children, Elijah and Carrie lived out their lives on their farm. Interred at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, New Concord, Ohio.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

5. Jacob CRISS I (3-01-1808 - 9-01-1808).

The fifth child of Jacob and Hannah Rittenhouse Criss. Lived but six months and is interred with other family members at the Bethel Churchyard Cemetery at Eldersville, Pa.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

6. Sarah (Criss) (6-01-1809 -).
(h) DAVIS (-).

Nothing concrete on this family.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

7. NICHOLAS CRISS (8-27-1811 - 1-01-1876).
(w) Nancy (Wilson) (ca-1820 - 12-22-1889).

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, they married circa 1838. Started their family in Pennsylvania. Bequeathed some land and money by the father, Jacob, they sold out after 1852 and moved to Brooke County, W. Virginia. Continued to make a living by farming.

Interred Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

13 chn

A. Rebecca Criss (-1839 -).

B. Hannah (Criss) (2- -1844 -).
(h) Hudson R. STANSBURY (10- -1841 - -1925).

Hudson was son of James Stansbury, of Brooke County, W. Virginia.

Hannah and Hudson raised their family on a farm. Are interred at the Weirton Cemetery, Weirton, W. Virginia.

6 chn

-1 Criss M. STANSBURY (1- -1870 -).
(w) Florence (9- -1874 -).
(w)2 Fanny E. (-1885 -).

Married (1) circa 1892. Death of wife.
Married (2) circa 1903.

Criss born in Ohio, and raised in Brooke County, W. Virginia. Was employed as a Railroad Conductor. Interred with first wife at the St. Johns Cemetery, just east of Colliers, W. Virginia. Their burial markers are very plain, with no birth or death dates.

4 chn (w)1
1 child (w)2

a. Walter B. STANSBURY (11- -1893 -).

b. Erma Pauline Stansbury (9- -1895 -).

c. Frances C. Stansbury (1- -1897 -).

d. Ralph K. STANSBURY (2- -1900 -).

e. Florence Stansbury (-1904 -).

-2 Ernest STANSBURY (-1871 - 9-25-1893). 22 years.

-3 Etta Stansbury (-1875 -).

-4 Edna Stansbury (4- -1882 -).

-5 Meda Stansbury (6- -1884 -).

-6 Frankie STANSBURY (3- -1887 - 9-13-1887). Infant. Six months.

C. Wilson Patrick CRISS (-1845 - -1872). Twenty seven years.

Born in Pennsylvania. Interred at Eldersville, Pennsylvania.

D. Rittenhouse CRISS (-1846 - 11-15-1848). Infant. Two years.

Born in Pennsylvania. Interred at Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville.

E. Jacob CRISS (-1848 - 9-04-1850). Infant. Two years.

Born in Pennsylvania. Interred Eldersville Cemetery.

F. Susannah Criss (-1850 - 8-04-1863). Thirteen years.

Born in Pennsylvania. Interred at Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville.

G. Oliver P. CRISS (1-10-1852 - 8-22-1853). Infant. Two years.

H. Mary T. (Criss) (1- -1854 - -1935).
(h) Albert R. COLWELL (-1842 - -1897).

Mary is noted as being born in West Virginia, and is the first of the children born after the move of the family to West Virginia.

Married May 29, 1877. Albert a veteran of the Civil War. Served as a Pvt Co. K, 12th W. Virginia Vol Inf.

Interred at Paris Cemetery, Paris, Pennsylvania.

1 child

-1 Nancie Evelyn Colwell (-1879 - -1962).

No record of marriage. Interred alongside parents at Paris, Penn.

I. Eveline (Criss) (-1856 - -1909).
(h) Oliver SCOTT (-1859 -).

Oliver is the son of Charles and Margaret Scott of Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa. Father, Charles, from Ireland.

Married October 18, 1882.

issue unk

J. Clara B. "Carrie" (Criss) (6- -1858 -).
(h) James McWHA (2- -1847 -).

James the son of George and Helen McWha of Brooke County, W. Virginia. The father was also from Ireland.

Married October 20, 1881.

James McWha was a butcher, by trade. He moved to Ohio shortly after the marriage, and lived in the Steubenville area. All the children were born in Ohio.

4 known

-1 Mary A. McWha (9- -1882 -).

-2 Carrie Lou (McWha) (5- -1889 -).
(h) Wilbur J. WORKMAN (-).

-3 Jean McWha (8- -1891 -).

-4 James McWHA (9- -1896 -).

K. Anne Barivus (Criss) (-1863 - -1937).
(h) Audubon J. STEDMAN (-).

Anne was born in West Virginia. Married November 26, 1891. Interred at the Paris Cemetery, Paris, Pa.

no issue

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8. Hannah (Criss) (7-27-1813 - 10-07-1881).
(h) Davis BUXTON (4-28-1810 - 7-19-1890).

Davis came from a long line of the Buxton family that had settled in Washington County, Pa. His Parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Davis Buxton, Jr. The family consisted of over twenty children, and it must have been quite an experience growing up under such conditions.

Davis grew up helping his parents operate a mill. This particular mill, which operated by water power, was dual purpose. Not only was it a gristmill, but a sawmill too. It was while storing grain in the loft of the mill that Jacob slipped and fell three stories, breaking his neck.

The sawmill operation is one with quite a story. Seems that the sawmill was a rather crude and slow operating affair. Instead of a circular blade, as we know it today, the blade was such that it operated up and down, and at a rather slow rate. In fact, this type of mill has often been described as one where the saw "goes up today and comes down tomorrow." Thus, the operator could set up a log for sawing, and go off to tend other affairs. The operation would stop when the cut had been completed.

Mr. Buxton, at one time, had a pet bear. As the bear grew, it became somewhat unruly, and had to be confined. On one occasion, Mr. Buxton had set a log in place for sawing, and had gone about with other chores. The bear, being somewhat disgruntled by the confinement, broke his chain and ambled down to see what was going on at the mill.

Intrigued by the motion of the saw, the bear climbed upon the log to investigate. When the saw approached the bear, he struck it first with one paw and

then with the other. Being angered by the injuries received, the bear engaged in mortal combat, the results being disastrous to the bear.

Mere remnants of the old mill are in existence today. Some of the old stone been used in one of the Buxton homes in Independence, Pa., where some of the descendents make their home.

Davis and Hannah were married in 1832, and made their living off a farm in the vicinity of Eldersville. Interred at the Bethel Cemetery, Eldersville, together with four of their children that died in infancy.

13 chn

A. Sarah Elizabeth Buxton (9-02-1833 - 3-19-1837). Infant. Three years.

B. Ruth Ann Buxton (11-17-1835 - 6-16-1837). Infant. One year.

C. Emaline Buxton (9- -1837 - 12-11-1838). Infant. One year.

NOTE: The above three children are interred at the Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

D. Hannah (Buxton) (-1839 -).
(h) John McGEE (-).

Married 1860.

2 chn

-1 Ellsworth McGEE (-).

-2 Frances "Frankie" (McGee) (2- -1864 -).
(h) Melville MARSHALL (9- -1863 -).

Married circa 1891. Living Carrol County, Washington Township, Ohio in 1900.

4 chn

a. Lura P. Marshall (6- -1892 -).

b. Elva G. Marshall (12- -1896 -).

c. Lorin J. MARSHALL (6- -1898 -).

d. Elizabeth O. Marshall (-1905 -).

E. Jacob BUXTON (10- -1842 -).
(w) Martha Ellen (McCleary) (-1843 -).

2 chn

-1 Clara Virginia "Jennie" (Buxton) (10- -1864 -).
(h) Joseph K. McNUTT (5- -1860 -).

Married circa 1886, and lived in Washington County, Canonsburg Township, Pennsylvania. Joseph was employed as a shoe clerk.

-2 Frances L. Buxton (11- -1868 -).

F. Martha Anne (Buxton) (-1843 - -1928).
(h) John MITCHELL (-1833 - -1911).

Both interred at the Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

1 child

-1 Edward MITCHELL (-).

G. John H. BUXTON (4-06-1845 - 12-07-1915).
(w) Mary Ann (Owings) (6-02-1847 - 2-09-1897).

Mary Ann was the daughter of L. W. and Honor Owings.

1 child

-1 Lura Buxton (2- -1878 -).

H. Clarissa Buxton (10-24-1846 - 7-24-1923). Never married.

I. Cynthia Buxton (-1847 -). Never married.

J. Lewis H. BUXTON (10-27-1848 - 3-28-1851). Infant. Two years.

K. Caroline (Buxton) (8-24-1850 - 12-10-1926).
(h) Stewart James HANLIN (3-09-1850 - 8-08-1926).

3 chn

-1 Harry R. HANLIN (-).
(w) Grace (Cree) (-).

2 chn

a. Clarence HANLIN (-).

b. Mary Hanlin (-).

-2 Louis A. HANLIN (-).
(w) Ednah (Harrah) (-).

2 chn

a. Nan Louise Hanlin (-).

b. Stewart HANLIN (-).

-3 Fred A. HANLIN (-1888 - -1947).
(w) Hilde (Hoffman) (-).

2 chn

a. Lois Hanlin (-).

b. Marjorie June Hanlin (-).

L. Martin Luther BUXTON (2- -1853 - -1938).
(w) Nancy J. (Wright) (9- -1858 - -1924).

Born and raised in Washington County, Pa. Lived in Jefferson Township, in town of Eldersville. Interred at Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville.

3 chn

-1 Criss W. BUXTON (4- -1880 - -1904).

Interred with parents at Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville.

-2 Orpha Buxton (2- -1882 -).

-3 Bertha L. (Buxton) (6-18-1884 - 4-10-1972).
(h) David Alvin BARNES (11-17-1884 - 11-06-1911).

Married in 1907, the marriage was short lived. Bertha remained a widow for sixty-one years.

Bertha spent her life as a teacher in the Jefferson Township school system. Interred with husband in the Bethel Ridge Cemetery.

no issue

M. Elizabeth Rebecca (Buxton) (9-25-1856 - 12-08-1936).
(h) A. C. STILSON (-).

Interred at Bethel Ridge Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

no issue

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9. Henry CRISS (11-01-1815 - 8-17-1873).
(w) Sarah Mary (Ryland) (ca-1816 - 2-07-1878).

Sarah Mary was the daughter of Freedis Ryland. Raised in the Hanover Township section of Washington County, Pa.

Married circa 1836. Evidently wanted a daughter named Hannah, and made two attempts, losing each time. The first daughter, Hannah, died 2-15-1840, and the second, 2-01-1845. There is no indication of when the children were born. The parents and above infants are interred at the Tucker Methodist Churchyard, just east of Paris, Pa. Farmed 165 acres, and raised sheep.

11 chn

A. Celina (Criss) (-1838 - prior-1900).
(h) J. Wesley ROBINSON (-1835 -).

Married circa 1859, and lived in Brooke County, W. Virginia.

3 chn

-1 Nannie Robinson (-1861 -).

-2 Henry S. ROBINSON (5- -1865 -).
(w) Ida B. (-1868 -).

Henry was born and raised in W. Virginia. Lived in the Cross Creek Township area of Brooke County, and in 1900, was a druggist. In 1910 was into general farming as a living.

-3 L. B. or L. Z. ROBINSON (6- -1874 -).

Born and raised in Brooke County, West Virginia. Listed as a school teacher on 1900 census. No further information.

B. Sarah Elisabeth (Criss) (5- -1838 -).
(h) McDONALD (-).

No information on this couple. Inherited a stand and bookcase from her mother in 1878, but nothing further.

C. Rachel (Criss) (-1843 -).
(h) James COOK (-).

Were living in Beaver City, Beaver County, Pa., in 1880.

4 chn

-1 Harry E. COOK (-1868 -).

-2 Curtis C. COOK (-1870 -).

-3 Carrie M. Cook (-1875 -).

-4 Mary Florence Cook (-1876 -).

Inherited a feather bed that belonged to her mother, and a coverlet formerly the property of Lizzie Ryland. This from her grandmother in the will of 1878.

D. Margaret (Criss) (-1846 -).
(h) Alex. CULBERTSON (-1848 -).

No information on this family.

E. Reverend Jacob CRISS (-1848 - 12-02-1890).
(w) Martineau (Lee) (11-13-1849 - 4-15-1934).

Married in Pennsylvania circa 1871. Removed to Missouri after 1874, and was a minister of the gospel. Returned to Pennsylvania after 1880, and it is not known if he had a church of his own.

Interred along with a large number of his family at the Tucker Methodist churchyard, just east of Paris, Pa.

4 chn

-1 Lola Mae Montez Criss (1-19-1872 - 9-21-1950).

Not known if Lola ever married. Enumerated with one Henry D. Hill in 1910 census.

Interred at Little Beaver Cemetery, Enon Valley, Pa.

-2 Lee Roy CRISS (-1874 -).
(w) Margaret (-1877 -).

Married circa 1895.

2 chn

a. Harold CRISS (-1897 -).

Reported to live in Buellton, California.

b. Hazel J. (Criss) (-1900 -).
(h) LESTER (-).

Hazel is a widow living in Akron, Ohio.

-3 Etta Lana Criss (-1877 -). Infant.

Born in Missouri during father's tenure as a minister there. Interred with parents at Tucker Methodist churchyard.

-4 James Ruford Ryland CRISS (6-12-1880 - 12-28-1955).
(w) Elma Mary (Albright) (10-27-1883 - 5-18-1956).

James was the last of the children born to Jacob and Martineau. Born in Missouri, lived out his life in Pennsylvania. Interred at the Little Beaver Cemetery, Enon Valley, Pa.

2 chn

a. Carlyle Ryland CRISS (7-02-1907 - 6-08-1979).
(w) Norma (Borsani) (-).

2 chn

-1 Sandra (Criss) (-).
(h) YOUNG (-).

1 child

a. Scott YOUNG (-).

-2 Charles Ryland CRISS (-).
(w) Lisa (Langene) (-).

2 chn

a. Heather Ryland Criss (-).

b. Jonathon CRISS (-).

F. Ruth Ellen (Criss) (5- -1849 -).
(h) Dr. U. F. SCHWARTZ (-).

Mentioned in mother's will, but no information found on this couple.

G. Reverend Curtis V. CRISS (11- -1853 -).
(w) Allie (Toland) (4- -1859 -).

Born and raised on the home farm in Pennsylvania. Became a theological student at Scio College, Harrison County, Ohio. Graduated class of 186 and removed to Missouri.

Married in 1880. Resided in Springfield, Missouri, where he was listed as presiding elder of the Methodist Church in 1900. Moved to Barton County, Missouri, town of Lamar. This is the last known residence of the Reverend (1910).

2 chn

-1 Vance C. CRISS (2- -1884 -).

-2 Mary S. Criss (12- -1891 -).

H. Dr. John D. CRISS (-1856 -).
(w) Sarah (Sharp) (-1856 -).

Born and raised on the family farm. Was listed with father as a farmer and general laborer as late as 1876.

Was listed as married and a practicing physician in the 1880 census for Brooke County, West Virginia. Nothing more has been found on this family.

I. Mary Manrilla (Criss) (-1858 -).
(h) Rev. HAMILL (-).

No information on this family.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

10. Rittenhouse CRISS (9-17-1817 - 12-04-1882).
(w) Mary (Fink) (8-05-1821 - 9-18-1853).
(w)2 Eliza J. (Stewart) (8-10-1835 - 12-25-1916).

Mary Fink, first wife of Rittenhouse, was the daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Whitehill Stewart) Fink. Her uncle was the legendary Mike Fink, who was known in the early times as a keel-boatman, Indian hunter and sharpshooter. The life of this same Mike Fink was characterized on television with the popular series depicting the life of Davey Crockett.

When Mary's father passed away in 1825, her mother married Robert Curry, of Hanover Township. Mr. Curry was a widower, and a neighbor of the Criss family. Mary's mother died February 6, 1880.

With Rittenhouse Criss, we have the first real description of one of our elder Criss family members. Described by his son, Nicholas, he was not a tall man but solidly built. His hair was thick and pure white, combed in front in a pompadour. He wore a full beard, which of course, was white like his hair, and was trimmed round with his chin.

Rittenhouse was a pious man. He was a trustee of the Eldersville Methodist Protestant Church. He held family worship morning and night in his home. While only a young lad, Nicholas could remember his father holding the Bible in one hand, and a homemade tallow candle in the other to give him light for reading. Nicholas prized very highly an old pewter candle-stick which his father used, and the candle moulds used to make the candles.

Nicholas recalls that Sunday in the home was observed as a day of quiet and rest. He was not allowed to whistle on Sunday, and as one of his chief accomplishments was whistling, this constituted a serious problem. He solved his problem by whistling more on Saturday.

Rittenhouse and Mary were married circa 1844, and started their family in the vicinity of Eldersville in Jefferson Township.

4 chn (w)1

A. Hannah L. (Criss) (-1845 - -1864).
(h) Joseph Dunbar ROBINSON (-1833 -).

Joseph was the son of Samuel and Mary (McGough) Robinson of Cross Creek, Washington County, Pa.

Married 1862, the records indicate that Hannah lived but two years after the marriage. Issue in doubt.

B. Sarah I. Criss (-1847 - -1853). Infant. Five years.

C. Cyrus CRISS (-1849 - -1853). Infant. Four years.

D. John CRISS (2-02-1852 - 12-24-1853). Infant. Two years.

The mother, Mary (Fink) Criss, and the above children save Hannah, were all struck down by Dysentery, and died within a time space of one week. From the date we have on John, it would appear that the deaths took place in December of 1853. Internments at the Methodist Churchyard, Eldersville, Pa.

On February 23, 1859, Rittenhouse Criss took as his second wife, Eliza Jane Stewart. She was a direct descendant of George Stewart, who in 1734, had surveyed to him a tract of 330 acres of land on Pequea Creek in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Eliza Jane Stewart was 24 years of age when she married and accepted the challenge of raising Hannah, then 15 years of age. Eliza Jane was a full cousin of the deceased Mary Jane (Fink) Criss.

Again, we have a description of one of the early Criss family members. Nicholas Rittenhouse, Sr., describes his mother as a tall woman of stern appearance, but underneath the countenance, anything but stern.

Eliza Jane was religious, and was raised as a Baptist. After her marriage

to Rittenhouse, she joined the Methodist Protestant Church at Eldersville. Here her reserve was again apparent. She could apparently never adjust herself to the emotional outbursts of the Methodists of that day. The shouting and crying, and the emotional excitement generated by a shouting exhorter preaching hell fire, was not her sort of religion. This was apparent, although she never said a word.

Perhaps the most beautiful recollection of his mother is, "when sitting down in her customary long dress, she reminded you instantly of the famous painting of Whistler's Mother."

8 chn (w)2

E. Mary Margaret Criss (1-05-1860 - 6-30-1947).

Never married, but devoted her life to the other members of the family. Until her death, maintained a home where all could come and find a welcome.

Interred at Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

F. Stewart Wilson CRISS (11-17-1861 - 4-14-1941).
(w) Mary (Doolan) (-1862 - -1905).
(w)2 Mary E. (Cosgrove) (12-07-1864 - 1-30-1938).

Born at Hanlin Station, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Taught school for five years, and then took over a general store at Dinsmore Station. Later, he joined his brother, Elmer, in a general store business at Colliers, W. Virginia, and remained at this location for twelve years.

Again Stewart moved, and this time across the Ohio River to Steubenville where he again operated a grocery.

Mr. Criss was a president of the Retail Grocers Association, and a member of the Steubenville Chamber of Commerce.

Married Mary Doolan in 1887. In 1908, married second wife, Mary Cosgrove, daughter of Campbell and Hannah E. Cosgrove of Eldersville, Pa.

Stewart and Mary Cosgrove Criss are interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

3 chn (w)1
no issue (w)2

-1 John Elmer CRISS, Sr. (10-14-1889 - 2-04-1964).
(w) Hazel Marie (Young) (6-09-1895 - 8-23-1968).

John was engaged in the grocery business. Later entered the hotel business, and operated the Imperial Hotel in Steubenville.

Married Hazel Marie Young July 30, 1919. She was the daughter of Capt. C. F. and Mary J. (Kerr) Young.

John and Hazel are interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, O.

1 child

a. John Elmer CRISS, Jr. (-1926 -).
(w) Zanovia (Griskevich) (-1931 -).

A graduate of Ohio University, John operates his own real estate concern in Steubenville, Ohio. Married April 12, 1956.

2 chn

-1 Jeffrey Steven CRISS (-1958 -).

-2 John Stewart CRISS (-1959 -).

-2 Stewart Vincent CRISS (7-15-1895 - 12-04-1935).
(w) Pearl C. (Loyer) (5-30-1898 - 7-17-1975).

Stewart followed in line, and was also a grocer in Steubenville. He and Pearl Loyer were married February 20, 1917, by the Reverend Thomas A. Powers.

Pearl was the daughter of John and Barbara (Schwarz) Loyer.

Both are interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

2 chn

a. Mary Catherine (Criss) (-1917 -).
(h) Joseph O. BROOKS (-).

Marrried in 1939.

2 chn

-1 Joseph Criss BROOKS (-1940 -).

-2 Patricia Ann Brooks (-1943 -).

b. Naomi Virginia Criss (-1922 -).

-3 Mary Naomi Criss (-1896 - -1916).

Unmarried.

G. Elmer Robinson CRISS (-1864 - 6-19-1942).
(w) Nettie (Halstead) (-1868 - 3-10-1941).

Elmer was the other half of the Criss venture into the grocery business at Colliers, West Virginia. Like his brother, Stewart, he gave up this place of business, moving to New Kensington, Pennsylvania, where he again went into the grocery business.

Served one term as Postmaster of New Kensington, and later entered the real estate and insurance field.

Married to Nettie Halstead August 6, 1890. Nettie's parents were Andrew and Clarissa Halstead of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., and Brooke County, W. Virginia. Mr. Halstead was a carpenter/farmer.

Elmer and Nettie are interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

2 chn

-1 Mila Montez (Criss) (-1891 - -1978).
(h) Lawson Green BASH (-1893 - -1969).

Mila was educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Virginia.

After their marriage in 1922, they went to India where Mr. Bash, who had been with the Aluminum Company of America at New Kensington, assumed charge of the company's affairs in India and Burma. After a long residence in India, returned to live in New York. Mr. Bash was later associated with Aluminum Limited of Canada.

Both interred at Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

no issue

-2 Elmer Richard CRISS (-1903 -).
(w) Dorothy (Rose) (-).

Elmer was educated at Wittenberg College and Harvard Law School. Admitted to the bar of his home county of Westmoreland, then engaged in the practice of law in Harlingen, Texas. Worked for the Superior Oil Company at Houston, Texas, in the legal department.

Married to Dorothy Rose in 1930.

2 chn

a. Elmer Richard CRISS, Jr. (-1931 -).
(w) Patricia (Potter) (-1931 -).

Elmer, Jr., is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. A veteran of service with the U. S. Marine Corps.

3 chn

-1 Mila (Criss) (-1959 -).
(h) Patrick HIGHTOWER (-).

-2 Maureen Criss (-1961 -).

-3 Kathleen Criss (-1967 -).

b. Suzanne (Criss) (-1935 -).
(h) Ronald F. HOLLOWAY (-).
(h)2 Donald WEIKMAN (-).

1 child (h)1
2 chn (h)2

-1 Victoria Carol (Holloway) (-1960 -).
(h) Larry GORDON (-).

3 chn

a. Greg GORDON (-).

b. Criss GORDON (-).

c. Garrett GORDON (-).

-2 David WEIKMAN (-).

-3 Carol Weikman (-).

H. Charles Louis CRISS (2- -1866 - -1959).
(w) Eva (Gillespie) (8- -1868 - -1903).
(w)2 Lucy V. (Criss) (-1870 -).

Was in the employ of the Union Storage Company. Served some years as secretary of the National Warehousemen's Association.

Married Eva Gillespie in 1892. Eva died in 1903, and is interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

Charles married again in 1908 to Lucy V. Criss, a cousin. Lucy was the daughter of Jacob P. and Margaret Wilson Criss, of Lawrence County, Pa.

1 child (w)1
2 chn (w)2

-1 Helen M. (Criss) (9- -1893 - -1918).
(h) George M. PHILLIPS (-).

Married in 1916. Marriage lasted but two years, ending with the death of Helen in 1918. She is interred at the Eldersville Cemetery

no issue

-2 Jean Stewart (Criss) (-1910 -).
(h) Edward STERN (-).

Mr. Stern worked for the American Red Cross Organization, and supervised blood banks in the States of Vermont and New Hampshire. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stern were graduates of the University of Pittsburgh.

no issue

-3 Charles Rittenhouse CRISS (-1911 -).
(w) Florence (Large) (-).

Charles is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. After service in the U. S. Army during WW II, joined the Sohio Oil Company.

1 child

a. Winifred (Criss) (3-03-1942 -).

I. Anna Ruth Criss (-1868 - -1899).

Was a school teacher, and possibly in the home neighborhood of Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa.

Was operated on in her late twenties, and although the surgery was reported to be minor, infection and blood poisoning set in. After a long siege, she was released from the hospital. Her general health was such that she never recovered, and she eventually fell victim to tuberculosis.

Anna Ruth was never married. Interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

J. Robert Weldin CRISS (-1870 - -1948).
(w) Emma (Brooks) (-1878 - -1953).

Robert taught school early in his life, and then decided to operate a meat shop in Collier, W. Virginia, where his brothers Stewart and Elmer were operating a grocery.

Later on was employed by the Cudahy Packing Company at Beaver Falls, Pa., and then with the Merris Beef Company. Becoming Vice President of the latter firm, he was stationed at Ridgeway, Pa.

The depression of the late twenties and early thirties saw a loss of market for the meat industry, and the Merris Company discontinued operations. Robert then joined the Punxsutawney Beef and Provision Co.

Married Emma Brooks in 1896.

3 chn

-1 Mary Margaret Criss (-1899 - -1953).

A Registered Nurse. At the time of her death, was supervisor of Nurses in Iola Hospital, Rochester, N. Y. Never married.

-2 Verna Mae Criss (-1901 -).

A graduate of Drexel Institute of Philadelphia in Household Economics. Taught several years in public and private schools, then joined Penn State University to do extension work among the farmers of certain sections of the state.

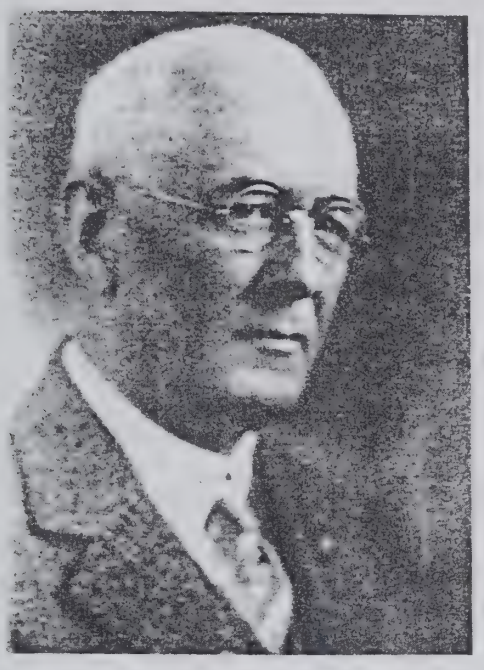
In addition to the above duties, she had a regular radio broadcast, and was active in the television field. Never married.

-3 Edna Louise (Criss) (-1908 -).

Edna was married twice. Deceased. No further information.

K. Nicholas Rittenhouse CRISS (1-05-1873 - 2-10-1958).
(w) Anna Baldwin (Scott) (-1882 -).

Born in Eldersville, Pennsylvania, and raised on the family farm. After receiving his preliminary education in the public schools, he attended Grove City College and Western University of Pennsylvania. Was graduated L.L.B. in 1903.



NICHOLAS RITTENHOUSE CRISS
1873 - 1958

Opened up his law office in the Borough of Sheraden. Becoming involved in politics, was instrumental in the annexation of the Borough to Pittsburgh in 1907.

In 1911, Mr. Criss was appointed to the new Pittsburgh Central Board of Education which was established to replace a ward system. Mr. Criss became President of the Board in 1922, and served a total of twenty-two years in all.

In 1913, Mr. Criss was made a director of the First National Bank of Sheraden, also serving as its solicitor. Was elected president of the bank in 1944, and remained in the office until 1958, when he became chairman of the board.

Additionally, he was for many years a director of the Sheraden Building and Loan Association.

In recognition of his work in education, the University of Pittsburgh conferred an honarary L.L.D. degree upon him in 1927.

Nicholas was a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County bar associations, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Masonic Order.

Married in San Diego, California, June 15, 1909, to Anna Baldwin Scott, the daughter of James Scott of Eldersville, Pa., a clergyman.

2 chn

-1 Catherine Jane (Criss) (-).
(h) Byron J. JONES (-).

2 chn

a. Carol Criss Jones (-).

b. Linda Criss Jones (-).

-2 Nicholas Rittenhouse CRISS, Jr. (- 6-25-1984).
(w) Loise Ann (Caldwell) (-).

Louise Ann is the daughter of John Russell and Ruth Louise (Osborn) Caldwell of Pittsburgh, Pa.

3 chn

a. Nicholas Rittenhouse CRISS, III (-).
(w) Cheryl (Krass) (-).

1 child

-1 Nicholas R. CRISS, IV (-).

b. Russel Caldwell CRISS (-).
(w) Denyra (Wharton) (-).

4 chn

-1 Catherine K. Criss (-).

-2 Elizabeth W. Criss (-).

-3 John C. CRISS (-).

-4 Louise O. Criss (-).

c. Sarah Louise (Criss) (-).
(h) Robert O. ALLAN (-).

L. Hallie B. V. (Criss) (-1876 -).
(h) TAYLOR (-).

Taught school with her brother, Nicholas, in the public school system of Eldersville, Pa.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

11. Jacob Q. CRISS, II (6-19-1819 - 1-26-1897).
(w) May Celina (Ryland) (9- -1826 - 5-07-1914).

Jacob was born and raised on the family farm in Pennsylvania. Married to May Celina Ryland circa 1848, and made their home in Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia.

Both are interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

1 child

A. Lucy E. (Criss) (-1849 - -1933).
(h) Wilson S. OWINGS (-1844 - -1921).

Lucy and Wilson made their home in Wellsburg, W. Virginia. Wilson was the son of C. W. and Honor Owings of Brooke County, W. Virginia.

Married circa 1871, was employed as a machinery agent.

Interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

1 child

-1 Celia C. (Owings) (9- -1882 -).
(h) SCOTT (-).

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

12. Ruth (Criss) (3-21-1821 - -1845).
(h) Francis HANLIN (4-16-1810 - 4-22-1898).

Ruth was born and raised on the family farm in Washington County, Penn. Mr. Hanlin was a neighbor, and the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Scott) Hanlin. Alexander Hanlin and his brothers are the persons from which Hanlin Station got its name.

Francis Hanlin worked 437 acres of land in Hanover Township (Florence) and raised grain and sheep.

Married circa 1839, the marriage was short, for Ruth passed away early. Mr. Hanlin married again to Betsy Lyons, and there were six more children born of the second marriage.

Ruth is interred at the Tucker Methodist Churchyard, just east of Paris, Pa.

3 chn

A. Nancy Lee (Hanlin) (-1840 -).
(h) Presley BOYD (-1830 -).

Presley was the son of Robert and Catherine Boyd of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa.

Married in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1862, they made their home in Washington County, Pa.

4 chn

-1 Francis BOYD (-1863 -).

-2 Robert BOYD (-1865 -).

-3 Lawrence BOYD (-1867 -).

-4 Presley BOYD, Jr. (-1869 -).

B. Hannah J. Hanlin (-1843 -).

Never married.

C. Hanlin Infant (1845 - -1845).

A childbirth accident may have been the cause of death of Ruth and her baby.

Children of JACOB CRISS (1778 - 1847) and their descendents---

13. Ann (Criss) (3-04-1823 - 4-10-1861).
(h) Thomas BOONE, Jr. (-1818 - 6-07-1896).

Ann was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was raised on the family farm in Jefferson Township. Married circa 1842. Mr. Boone reported to be a grand-nephew of Daniel Boone, but Boone family descendents have been unable to prove this.

Removed to Wayne County, Ohio, where they raised their family. After the death of Ann, Thomas married Barbara Hatteras, and they had two children of this second marriage.

Thomas Boone was the son of Captain Thomas and Eleanor (Stewart) Boone, Sr. The elder Boone had a run from Wellsburg, West Virginia, to New Orleans, La. It is reported that he made his return trips by horseback and walking.

Thomas and Ann are interred at the West Lawn Cemetery, Wayne County, Ohio.

7 chn

A. William S. BOONE (3-18-1844 -).
(w) Mary (Hoverstock) (4- -1843 -).

William was a Civil War veteran. Served with the 102nd Reg. Ohio Vol. Reported to have been taken prisoner during service, and imprisoned at either Cahaba or Andersonville.

Founded Boone Lumber Company at Montpelier, Ohio, in 1882.

B. Elizabeth M. (Boone) (11-08-1846 -).
(h) E. D. PINKERTON (-).

C. Ruth Ann Boone (1-17-1850 - 4-05-1904). Never married.

D. Virginia E. "Jennie" Boone (1-23-1852 - 7-18-1884). Never married.

E. Criss Hazzard BOONE (12-29-1849 - 1-03-1927).
(w) Alice A. (Clippenger) (9- -1856 -).

Married 1876. Made their home in Ohio.

4 chn

-1 Arthur Roy BOONE (9- -1882 -).

-2 Lloyd L. BOONE (9- -1884 -).

-3 Ralph C. BOONE (2- -1886 -).

-4 William Sherman BOONE (1- -1890 - 2-13-1957).
(w) Viola (Keyser) (-).

Married April 25, 1913. Mr. Boone died at Elizabeth, New Jersey, and is buried there.

2 chn

a. Virginia (Boone) (8-14-1914 - 4-19-1969).
(h) Bamford ROGERS (-).

2 chn (unk)

b. William Scott BOONE (3-07-1921 -).
(w) Hope (Mainville) (12-29-1920 -).

Married March 4, 1951.

3 chn

-1 Christopher BOONE (10-08-1952 -).

-2 Jonathan BOONE (3-19-1954 -).

-3 Benjamin BOONE (8-23-1957 -).

F. Josephine L. (Boone) (5-29-1854 -).
(h) E. A. HERSHEY (-1857 -).

Mr. Hershey is reported to have been a warden of the penitentiary at Akron, Ohio.

2 chn (unk)

G. Mary McCall (Boone) (2-14-1856 -).
(h) Mr. BUCHER (-).

2 chn (unk)

THIS COMPLETES THE KNOWN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF JACOB AND HANNAH RITTENHOUSE CRISS, AND THEIR DESCENDENTS.

Children of JOHN CRIST, Sr. (ca 1741-1830) and their descendents---

5.	SARAH CRISS	b.	-1780 d.	-1863
	(h) SAMUEL WRIGHT, Sr.	b.	-1778 d.	9-31-1862

SARAH CRISS was the fifth child of John and Ursilla Crist, and the only daughter born of the marriage. Sarah was raised on the family farm on Harmon's Creek and received her education at the local schools.

Samuel and Sarah were married around the turn of the century, and raised a large family in Washington County, Pa. The records would indicate that the family lived in Cross Creek and Jefferson Townships of Washington County. The family was a large one, and the following information is not considered complete as presented.

Sarah and Samuel are interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

7 known chn

1.	SAMUEL WRIGHT, Jr.	b.	-1801 d.	1870-1880
	(w) Nancy	b.	-1809 d.	

see pages (177-180)

2.	JOHN WRIGHT, Sr.	b.	-1805 d.	
	(w) Rebecca	b.	-1806 d.	prior 1860
	(w)2 Editha	b.	-1808 d.	

see pages (180-181)

3.	JACOB WRIGHT	b.	-1807 d.	
	(w) Margaret	b.	-1812 d.	

see pages (181-182)

4.	WILLIAM WRIGHT	b.	-1809 d.	
	(w) Ann	b.	-1810 d.	

see pages (182-182)

5.	ISABELLA WRIGHT	b.	-1810 d.	

see pages (182-182)

6.	JONATHAN T. WRIGHT	b. 5-	-1822 d.	-1918
	(w) Selene	b. 11-	-1821 d.	-1904

see pages (183-184)

7.	DAVID EDWARD WRIGHT	b.	-1824 d.	
	(w) Mary Jane	b.	5-23-1823 d.	2-09-1851
	(w)2 Eliza	b.	-1825 d.	

see pages (184-185)

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

1. SAMUEL WRIGHT, Jr. (1801-1870/80)

Samuel first appears with his father on the 1820 census for Washington County, Pennsylvania. At this time, he is married to a girl named Nancy, and they are obviously newly-wed and childless. Samuel, Jr., is making his way by working as a farm laborer.

By 1840, the family has increased to eight boys and one girl. By 1850, five of the boys were still living with their parents, and the daughter, Sarah, has married a cousin, Levi Criss.

The family of Samuel Wright, Jr. lived in the Cross Creek area of Washington County during the period 1850 - 1860, and then moved to Brooke County, West Virginia, where Samuel lived in retirement among his younger children, and many of his grandchildren.

9 chn

A. Sarah (Wright) (9-25-1827 - 9-23-1889).
(h) Levi CRISS (-1824 - after 1860).

See under Levi Criss, son of William Criss, pages (230-231).

B. Enoch WRIGHT (-1830 - pr 1900).
(w) Jane (Yates) (5- -1834 -).

Jane was the daughter of Andrew and Ann Yates of Ohio County, West Virginia. Her father was a farmer.

Enoch was born in Pennsylvania, and moved with his family to Brooke County prior to 1855, and made their home in the Cross Creek area.

Married in Wellsburg, W. Virginia, April 1858, Enock and Jane lived there for awhile, and then moved across the Ohio River to Steubenville, Ohio, where they made their home.

8 chn

-1 Martha Elizabeth Wright (-1858 -).

-2 George WRIGHT (-1860 -).

-3 Jacob WRIGHT (3- -1863 -).
(w) Nannie (3- -1861 -).

Jacob first appears as a married man in 1900. He is making his home in Jefferson County, Ohio, town of Steubenville. Nannie, his wife, was born in Pennsylvania. They are childless, and living with his mother, Jane, and brother, Hervey. It would appear that the mother is widowed.

-4 Nancy Edina Wright (-1865 -).

-5 Emma J. Wright (-1867 -).

-6 Enoch WRIGHT, Jr. (11- -1869 -).
(w) Sarah Jane (Bukoffsky) (-1871 -).

Enoch was born in West Virginia, and his wife, Sarah, a native of Ohio. Sarah Jane was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bukoffsky, of Steubenville, Ohio. Henry was an iron worker.

Married October 13, 1893, they raised their family in Steubenville.

7 chn

a. Earl E. WRIGHT (9- -1894 -).

b. May Wright (4- -1896 -).

c. Lawrence WRIGHT (7- -1897 -).

d. Tracy Wright (10- -1900 -).

e. George WRIGHT (-1904 -).

f. Mary Wright (-1906 -).

g. Elmer K. WRIGHT (-1910 -).

-7 Lewis WRIGHT (-1870 -).

-8 Hervey WRIGHT (9- -1873 -).

Born in Ohio. Living with mother and brother, Jacob, in 1900.

C. Isaac WRIGHT (9-17-1831 - 1-30-1864).

No evidence of Isaac ever being married. Born in Pennsylvania, and interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

D. Nicholas WRIGHT (-1834 -).

Nicholas remained with his folks as a laborer for a number of years. As late as 1880, he was still living in, and unmarried.

E. Joshua WRIGHT (-1836 -).

F. Jacob WRIGHT (-1838 -).
(w) Elizabeth (-1830 -).

Married circa 1863, Jacob and Elizabeth made their home in Washington County, Pennsylvania, Hanover Township.

4 chn

-1 Charles WRIGHT (-1864 -).

-2 Ina F. Wright (-1867 -).

-3 Herbert A. WRIGHT (-1870 -).

-4 Vern WRIGHT (-1872 -).
(w) Carrie (-1881 -).

Carrie was born in West Virginia, Vern in Pennsylvania.

Married circa 1897, they made their home in Steubenville, Ohio.

2 chn

a. Herbert WRIGHT (-1898 -).

b. Ethel Wright (-1899 -).

G. Edith A. "Kate" Wright (-1843 - -1941).

Born in Pennsylvania, and lived a long life in the Jefferson Township area of Washington County, Pa.

Buried at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

H. Hannah Elizabeth Wright (-1845 -).

I. Alexander WRIGHT (-1845 - pr 1900).
(w) Susanne (4- -1847 -).

Married circa 1869, and made their home in Washington County, Pa., Smith Township. Widowed by 1900, Susanne lived in Burgettstown, Pa., with her children, Alexander, Margaret and Elsie.

8 chn

-1 William WRIGHT (-1870 -).

-2 Artilica Wright (-1871 -).

-3 George M. WRIGHT (9- -1873 -).
(w) Martha Ann (9- -1878 -).

Married circa 1896. Made their home in Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

2 chn

a. Artilessa Wright (12- -1897 -).

b. Mary S. Wright (3- -1899 -).

-4 Alexander WRIGHT (4- -1878 -).

In 1900, Alexander was living with his widowed mother in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania.

-5 Edward WRIGHT (-1877 -).

-6 Armanda Wright (5- -1880 -).

-7 Margaret Wright (6- -1884 -).

-8 Elsie Wright (9- -1887 -).

Elsie, sister Margaret and brother Alexander, were living together in 1900, with their widowed mother in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania.

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

2. JOHN WRIGHT, Sr. (-1805 - -1880+).
(w) Rebecca (-1806 - -1850+).
(w)2 Editha (-1808 - -1860+).

John Wright and his family first appear in the early census reports of Washington County, Pennsylvania. By 1850, he has settled in Brooke County, West Virginia, District No. 4, which is near todays city of Wellsburg. John made his living by farming.

Both his wives were short lived, and nothing is known of their background.

8 chn

A. John WRIGHT, Jr. (-1825 -).
(w) Sophia (-1832 -).

John and Sophia were both born in Pennsylvania. Married circa 1850, they started their family in Cross Creek Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania. After 1860, John was living near his father in Brooke County, West Virginia, where he worked as a cooper.

6 chn

-1 Amelia Wright (-1851 -).

-2 Nancy R. Wright (-1853 -).

-3 Francis W. WRIGHT (-1854 -).

-4 James A. WRIGHT (9- -1856 -).
(w) Maggie (3- -1853 -).

James was born in West Virginia, Maggie in Pennsylvania. Married circa 1882, they moved around quite a bit. Two of their children were born in Ohio, and one in Pennsylvania.

James and Maggie finally settled in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., where he worked as a farmer.

3 chn

a. McCreedy WRIGHT (4- -1884 -).

b. Mary Wright (2- -1888 -).

c. Nannie Wright (5- -1891 -).

-5 Emma J. Wright (-1859 -).

-6 Flora Wright (-1868 -).

In 1880, Flora, Francis and James are living with parents in Brooke County, West Virginia, Township of Cross Creek.

B. Susannah Wright (-1829 -).

C. Sarah Wright (-1830 -).

D. Nancy J. Wright (-1832 -).

E. Mary Wright (-1834 -).

F. N. Wells WRIGHT (-1836 -).
(w) Elizabeth (-1837 -).

G. Darius WRIGHT (-1838 -).

H. Elizabeth Addie (Wright) (-1848 -).
(h) John CASSIDAY (-1847 -).

Married circa 1873. Mr. Cassiday was born in Pennsylvania, and made his living as a farmer.

Began their married life living with Elizabeth's father in Cross Creek Township, Brooke County, West Virginia.

2 chn

-1 Herman W. CASSIDAY (-1874 -).

-2 Olive Cassiday (-1875 -).

I. Alexander WRIGHT (-1851 -).

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

3. JACOB WRIGHT (-1807 -).
(w) Margaret (-1812 -).

Jacob was born in Pennsylvania, Margaret in Virginia. Married circa 1830, they began their family in Pennsylvania where Jacob farmed for a living.

Moved to Brooke County, West Virginia, around 1836, where the family continued to grow.

11 chn

A. Clarissa Wright (-1831 -).

B. Clark WRIGHT (-1833 -).

C. Nathaniel D. WRIGHT (12- -1835 -).
(w) Laura L. (8- -1852 -).

Made their home in Steubenville, Ohio.

no issue.

D. David Marshall WRIGHT (-1836 -).

E. Thomas Benton WRIGHT (-1839 -).

F. James Ross WRIGHT (-1841 -).

G. Herminia Wright (-1843 -).

Born in West Virginia. Was a school teacher.

H. Mary Wright (-1848 -).

I. Arless Wright (-1851 -).

J. Ruphina Wright (-1853 -).

In 1880, Jacob and Margaret were living in Brooke County, West Virginia, Township of Cross Creek. Children James Ross, Herminia and Ruphina were living in. Son James Ross was a farmer.

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

4. WILLIAM WRIGHT (-1809 -).
(w) Ann (-1820 -).

Married circa 1840. Lived in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., and made their living as farmers.

2 known chn

A. Samuel WRIGHT (-1841 -).

B. Rachel A. Wright (-1850 -).

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

5. ISABELLA WRIGHT (-1810 -).

There is not much known of Isabella, although she does appear occasionally in various census reports of Washington County, Pa. No evidence that she ever married.

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

5. JONATHAN T. WRIGHT (5- -1822 - -1918).
(w) Selene "Irene" (11- -1821 - -1904).

Selene was born in West Virginia. Jonathan was born and raised in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Married circa 1843, they remained in Jefferson Township (Eldersville) and raised their family on a farm.

Both are interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

12 chn

A. Israel C. WRIGHT (10- -1844 -).
(w) Mary M. (7- -1851 -).

Israel and Mary were born in Pennsylvania. Israel was established as a lawyer in Brooke County, West Virginia, prior to 1880. His sister, Sarah C. Wright, was living in as his housekeeper.

Prior to 1900, Israel married and continued to live in Wellsburg. It would appear that there were no children of this marriage. In 1900, a niece, Mary B. Wright, daughter of Edwin P. Wright, is listed with them on the census.

B. Sarah C. Wright (-1845 -).

C. Silas WRIGHT (-1846 -).

D. Elizabeth Wright (-1847 -).

E. Samuel A. WRIGHT (-1848 - 5-23-1864). Eighteen years.

Interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

F. Edwin Philander WRIGHT (5- -1851 -).
(w) Rebecca E. (4- -1853 -).

Edwin and Rebecca were born in Pennsylvania. Moved to Ohio County, West Virginia, Richland District, prior to 1881. Later on, they moved to Ohio and lived in the town of Steubenville.

6 chn

-1 Albertus WRIGHT (10- -1875 -).

-2 Mary B. Wright (9- -1876 -).

-3 Martin WRIGHT (5- -1881 -).

-4 Katie Wright (6- -1885 -).

-5 Annie Wright (5- -1887 -).

-6 Claudia E. Wright (4- -1894 -).

G. Melindra "Kate" Wright (9- -1853 -).

H. Cyrus Rutledge WRIGHT (-1856 -).

I. Nancy Jane (Wright) (9- -1858 - -1924).
(h) Martin Luther BUXTON (2- -1853 - -1938).

Nancy Jane and Martin were born in Pennsylvania. Martin was the son of Davis and Hannah (Criss) Buxton.

Married circa 1879, they raised their family on the home farm.

3 chn

-1 Criss W. BUXTON (-1880 - -1904).

-2 Orpha J. Buxton (2- -1882 -).

-3 Bertha L. (Buxton) (6-18-1884 - 4-10-1972).
(h) David Alvin BARNES (11-17-1884 - 11-06-1911).

Married in 1907. David passed away after four years of marriage, and Bertha never remarried, remaining a widow for sixty-one years.

Both are buried at the Bethel Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

no issue

J. Adda V. Wright (-1862 -).

K. Annie Vana Wright (-1864 -).

L. George A. WRIGHT (-1865 -).

Children of Sarah (Criss) WRIGHT (1780-1863) and their descendents---

7. DAVID EDWARD WRIGHT (-1825 -).
(w) Mary Jane (-1824 - 2-09-1851).
(w)2 Eliza (-1825 -).

David was born in Pennsylvania, and the birthplace of Mary Jane is unknown.

Married circa 1843, it appears that three children were born prior to the early death of Mary Jane. Mary Jane is interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

David remarried circa 1852. His second wife, Eliza, was from Virginia. They lived in Steubenville, Ohio, and had three children. David made his living by farming.

By 1900, David has returned to Pennsylvania, and once more a widower. He made his home in Robinson Township, Washington County. A grand-daughter, Carrie Wright (1880-) is with him on the census report at this time. Her parents are unknown.

6 chn

A. Thomas WRIGHT (-1844 -).

B. Sarah Wright (-1847 -).

C. David W. WRIGHT (-1850 -).
(w) Huldah (-1852 -).

David was born in Pennsylvania. Huldah was from Ohio.

Married circa 1874, they made their home in Steubenville, Ohio.

1 known child

-1 William C. WRIGHT (-1876 -).

D. Samuel L. WRIGHT (-1853 -).

E. John Hamilton WRIGHT (-1857 -).

F. Emma B. Wright (-1866 -).

THIS COMPLETES THE KNOWN INFORMATION ON THE WRIGHT FAMILY---

Children of JOHN CRIST, Sr. (ca 1741-1830) and their descendents---

6. WILLIAM M. CRISS b. ca-1784 d. 3- -1856
(w) Hannah b. 5- -1785 d. 10-15-1869

William and Hannah were married ca 1801, and lived on Harmon's Creek in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. William followed in hi father's footsteps, and farmed for a living.

After the death of William's mother, Ursilla, his father moved in, and liv out the remainder of his life. It was during this time that the children of William were able to hear of the times on the frontier as related by grandfath John and his old cronies, the Poe brothers.

John Crist, Sr. lived until 1830, and after his death, the home place more or less became the property of William. Here William continued to raise his large family.

When William passed away in 1856, only Hannah and a son, Isaac, remained o the farm. A large portion of the farm was then sold to the Hanlin family, and the site was named Hanlins Station. Although a small place today, Hanlins Sta tion was once a very busy place on the railroad, and played it's part in the history of the area.

A family cemetery plot is reported to be on the old homestead, but after t years of changing owners, and the strip mining for coal of the area, the old plot appears to have been lost. Perhaps this is where William and others of t Crist/Criss family are buried.

Hannah survived William by a few years, and is interred at the Florence Ce etery, Florence, Pennsylvania.

12 chn

1. SARAH CRISS b. -1803 d.
(h) Benjamin PERRINE b. ca-1793 d. 11-13-1859

see pages (187-188)

2. GEORGE W. CRISS b. -1805 d. 5-25-1889
(w) Elizabeth b. -1810 d. 7-01-1885

see pages (188-190)

3. REBECCA CRISS b. -1807 d. -1880+
(h) Richard DICKEY b. -1806 d. -1880+

see pages (190-192)

4. NANCY CRISS b. -1809 d. ca-1850
(h) William TOLAN b. -1808 d.

see pages (193-193)

5. ESTHER CRISS b. -1810 d. pr-1854
(h) John GILMORE b. -1799 d.

see pages (194-194)

6. JAMES T. CRISS b. 6-08-1810 d. 10-03-1880
(w) Kisiah Ann (Jones) b. 3-18-1815 d. 10-28-1891

see pages (194-205)

7. WILLIAM CRISS b. -1812 d.
(w) Esther b. -1812 d.

see pages (206-207)

8. REZIN D. CRISS b. -1815 d. -1880
(w) Martha (Amspoker) b. -1816 d. 1856/1862
(w)2 Elizabeth (Watson) b. -1828 d. -1881

see pages (208-225)

9. JOHN CRAWFORD CRISS b. -1823 d.
(w) Lydia A. (Clark) b. -1824 d.

see pages (226-230)

10. LEVI J. CRISS b. -1824 d. -1880+
(w) Sarah (Wright) b. 9- -1827 d. 9-23-1889

see pages (230-232)

11. ISAAC D. CRISS b. -1825 d. 2-24-1906
(w) Nancy Jane b. -1840 d.

see pages (233-235)

12. JACOB CRISS b. -1826 d.

see page (235)

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

1. SARAH CRISS (-1803 -).
(h) Benjamin PERRINE (ca-1793 - 11-13-1859).

Benjamin was the son of Peter and Sarah (Harris) Perrine. In 1794, the elder Perrine purchased a tract of land in Cross Creek Township consisting of three hundred acres. The place was known as "Buffalo Lick", and remained the home of Peter Perrine and his family for many years.

While many of the Perrine children moved out of the area, Benjamin and Sarah remained on Harmon's Creek, and raised their family.

Married circa 1826. Interred at Cross Creek.

5 chn

A. Benjamin PERRINE, Jr. (-1828 -).
(w) Mary (-1830 -).

Married circa 1848. Lived in Cross Creek Township for awhile, an then to places unknown.

1 known child

a. Sarah Perrine (-1850 -).

B. George R. PERRINE (-1830 - 1870/1880).
(w) Rebecca (-1833 -).

Rebecca was born in West Virginia. They were married in 1852, and ma their home briefly in Washington County, Pa., before moving to Ohio where they raised their family.

5 chn

-1 William C. PERRINE (-1853 -).

William was a shoemaker.

-2 Joseph R. PERRINE (-1854 -).
(w) Elinor (-1859 -).

Elinor was born in Ohio. Married circa 1878, they made their hom in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

1 known child

a. Florence L. Perrine (-1879 -).

-3 Sarah E. Perrine (-1858 -).

-4 Oliver B. T. PERRINE (-1859 -).

-5 Hannah J. Perrine (-1861 -).

Hannah was probably born after the death of her father.

C. Nancy J. Perrine (-1834 -).

D. John PERRINE (-1839 -).
(w) Sarah (-1845 -).

John and Sarah made their home in Smith Township, Washington County, P

E. Hannah J. Perrine (-1843 -).

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

2. GEORGE W. CRISS (-1805 - 5-25-1889).
(w) Elizabeth (-1810 - 7-01-1885).

George and Elizabeth were married June 29, 1831, and lived and raised their family in Washington County, Pennsylvania. For the most part, they lived in or near the town of Eldersville, and both are interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

10 chn

A. James R. CRISS (3- -1832 - -1901).
(w) Kate (Hillman) (12- -1845 -).

James married late in life on March 10, 1887. They lived in Carroll County, Ohio.

James interred at the Spring Hills Cemetery, Wellsville, Ohio.

issue unk

B. Mary Criss (-1834 -).

C. Abigail Criss (-1840 -).

D. Thompson CRISS (1- -1843 - 5-04-1907).
(w) Rachel (Virtue) (8- -1845 - -1905).
(w)2 Sarah (-1851 -).

Married Rachel Virtue circa 1867. Lived in Jefferson Township of Washington County, Pa., and worked one hundred acres plus on Harmon's Creek raising stock and growing grain.

Thompson and Rachel are buried at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pennsylvania.

Thompson married for a second time in 1906.

2 chn (w)1

-1 George V. CRISS (7- -1868 -).
(w) Jennie E. (-1870 -).

Jennie was born in Pennsylvania. Married in 1907, they made their home in Jefferson Township as a farm family. The 1915 Directory of Farms has him working 100 acres at Hanlins Station.

no issue

-2 Henry A. CRISS (11- -1871 - -1938).
(w) Bessie W. (-1882 -).

Henry and Bessie were also married in 1907, and made their home next door to George and Jennie. Bessie was from Pennsylvania.

The 1915 Farm Directory has Henry and Bessie growing corn on 100 acres of land at Hanlins Station.

Henry died in 1938, and is buried at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, near Independence, Pa.

no issue

E. Nancy Jane Criss (-1845 -).

F. William Tolan CRISS (4- -1847 - -1915).
(w) Mary E. (Virtue) (9- -1847 - -1906).

Believe William married a sister of Thompson's wife, Rachel. The couple lived in Eldersville, and are both interred at the Eldersville Cemetery.

William's Will was probated June 22, 1915, and his estate was left to brothers, sisters and their children.

no issue

G. Minerva Criss (11-01-1848 - 10-28-1882).

Died at age 34, and is buried at the Eldersville, Cemetery.

H. Sarah Miller Criss (-1851 -).

Sarah was living alone in 1910, and don't believe she married.

I. Martha (Criss) (-1853 -).
(h) McCLURGH (-).

1 child

-1 Milo McCLURGH (-).

J. Randolph CRISS (-1855 - -1919).

Buried at Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa. No indication that he ever married.

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

3. REBECCA CRISS (-1807 - -1880+).
(h) Richard DICKEY (-1806 - -1880+).

Married circa 1830, they made their home in Gallia County, Ohio, Harrison Township. Believe this was near Mercerville, Ohio.

11 chn

A. Mary Dickey (8-02-1831 -).

B. Eliza Dickey (-1833 -).

C. Laitus DICKEY (-1834 -).

D. Silas DICKEY (1- -1836 -).
(w) Mary F. (5- -1841 -).

Married circa 1860, this couple made their home in Gallia County, Ohio, Harrison Township. Made his living as a farmer.

6 chn

-1 Isadora C. Dickey (-1862 -).

-2 Augusta M. Dickey (-1865 -).

-3 Otta W. Dickey (-1867 -).

-4 Ira W. DICKEY (-1871 -).

-5 Etta L. Dickey (8- -1875 -).

In 1910, mother Mary F. Dickey is widowed and living with a daughter Nora. This Nora was born in 1875? Could it be Etta?

-6 Siro K. DICKEY (3- -1878 -).
(w) Pearl (-1885 -).

Married circa 1904. Living in Gallia County, Ohio.

3 chn

a. Hazel Dickey (-1906 -).

b. Frances Dickey (-1907 -).

c. Ruth Dickey (-1910 -).

E. Anna Dickey (-1837 -).

F. LeRoy DICKEY (11- -1839 -).
(w) Pheriaba J. (-1848 - 1880/1900).
(w)2 Mrs. Margaret Adkins (Houck) (-1852 -).

Leroy and Pheriaba were married circa 1868, and made their home in Gallia County, Ohio, Harrison Towwship, Mercerville. They made their living as a farm family. Pheriaba was from Ohio.

In 1910, Leroy is married to Mrs. Margaret Houck, and it appears she has been married previously. She also is an Ohio girl.

6 chn (w)1
2 step children

-1 Bertha S. Dickey (-1869 -).

-2 Oscar H. DICKEY (11- -1869 -).
(w) Mrs. Emma (McCall) Wetherholt (-1873 -).

Married circa 1905. Living Gallia County, Ohio.

2 chn

a. LeRoy DICKEY (-1906 -).

b. Eldie DICKEY (-1910 -).

c. Lucille Wetherholdt (-1897 -). Step daughter.

-3 Leo Oden DICKEY (8- -1871 -).
(w) Effie (Day) (11- -1875 -).

Lived in Gallia County, Ohio. Effie was the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Day.

1 known child

a. Frank S. DICKEY (-1905 -).

-4 Arthur Emmitt DICKEY (-1874 -).
(w) Eustacia A. (-1876 -).

Married circa 1901. Both born in Ohio, and made their home in Gallia County, Ohio, Crown City.

In 1910 at the time of the census, the family was living with aunt Elza Dickey (spinster).

3 chn

a. Mary F. Dickey (-1903 -).

b. Ina D. Dickey (-1906 -).

c. Rachall L. Dickey (-1907 -).

-5 Nellie A. Dickey (6- -1876 -).

-6 William Homer DICKEY (9- -1878 -).

G. Alva DICKEY (-1841 -).
(w) Naragansett (-1843 -).

Married circa 1866. Made their home in Gallia County, Ohio, Harrison Township, Mercerville. Moved out of state prior to 1880. Naragansett and Alva were born in Ohio.

2 chn

a. Cora E. Dickey (-1867 -).

b. George L. DICKEY (-1869 -).

H. Jane Dickey (-1843 -).

I. Isabelle Dickey (-1846 -).

J. Elza Dickey (-1852 -).

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

4. NANCY CRISS (-1809 - ca-1850).
(h) William TOLAN (-1808 -).
(w)2 Adaline (-1831 -).

William and Nancy lived in Brown County, Ohio, Lewis Township. The post-Office used was Leesburg.

William was a native of Ohio, while Nancy was born and raised in Pa. It is not known where they married, but all their children were born in Ohio.

Nancy died around 1850, and William married again to a girl from Kentucky. This second marriage resulted in one more child.

5 chn (w)1
1 child (w)2

A. Sarah Jane Tolan (-1836 -).

B. Hannah L. Tolan (-1840 -).

C. Melissa Tolan (-1841 -).

D. William W. TOLIN (-1845 -).
(w) Frances E. (-1843 -).

Lived in Brown County, Ohio, Lewis Township. Married circa 1871. Note spelling of name with an "i".

3 chn

-1 John Edmund TOLIN (-1872 -).

-2 George TOLIN (-1875 -).

-3 Hattie Tolin (-1877 -).

E. James N. TOLIN (-1846 -).
(w) Elizabeth (-1852 -).

Elizabeth was a native of Ohio, as was the wife of William, above. The families lived on adjoining farms in Brown County, Ohio.

2 chn

-1 C. M. Tolin (-1873 -).

-2 James N. TOLIN, Jr. (-1875 -).

F. Laura B. Tolin (-1856 -).

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

5. ESTHER CRISS (-1810 - pr-1854).
(h) John GILMORE (-1799 -).
(w)2 Elizabeth (-1855 -).

John and Esther were married in 1828, and made their home in Meigg County, Ohio, District 98, Salisbury Township. John was a farmer, and raised a large family. The will of William Criss names all children.

11 children

A. Elijah GILMORE (-1829 -).

B. Alexander GILMORE (-1834 -).

Alex and his brother, Elijah, were living with the folks in 1850. Both were listed in the trade of cooper.

C. John Hindman GILMORE (-1835 -).

D. George GILMORE (-1838 -).

E. Elizabeth Gilmore (-1839 -).

F. Gaston GILMORE (3-16-1842 -).

G. Margaret A. Gilmore (5-21-1843 -).

H. Solomon GILMORE (2- -1845 -).

I. Isaac Newton GILMORE (2- -1847 -).

J. Ellen Gilmore (5-02-1849 -).

K. Nathaniel GILMORE (1- -1851 -).

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

6. JAMES T. CRISS (6-08-1810 - 10-03-1880).
(w) Kisiah Ann (Jones) (3-18-1815 - 10-28-1891).

James and Kisiah were born in Pennsylvania, and were raised in Jefferson Township. Married June 23, 1836, they remained in Pennsylvania briefly before moving west to Ohio. Their first child died in infancy, and is buried at the Bethel Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

Kisiah was the daughter of Edward F. and Anne Jones, of Jefferson Township. The parents are buried at the Bethel Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa. Kisiah also had a twin sister, Mary, that married George Thorley. This family followed closely the movements of James and Kisiah in the state of Ohio.

The move of James to Ohio took place prior to 1840, when they were living in Jefferson County, Brush Creek Township. At this time the family consisted of two young sons and a daughter. By 1850, the family had moved to the north and

settled in Monroeville, Ohio, and the family has increased in size by another daughter. It was here that tragedy again struck the family with the loss of three of the children, all interred at the Monroeville Cemetery.

James was one of (10) charter members of Salineville, Ohio, Lodge #348, F & AM, organized October, 1864. (Free and Accepted Masons)

By 1880, the family had settled in Wayne County, Ohio, Congress.

8 chn

A. Rebecca Criss (6-24-1837 - 9-25-1837). Infant.

Buried at the Bethel Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

B. Rezin CRISS (9-27-1838 - 9-16-1851). Thirteen years.

Buried Monroeville, Ohio.

C. Theodore CRISS (3-10-1841 - pr-1910).
(w) Isabel M. (Kinsey) (-1850 - 1880/1900).
(w)2 Lillie (Jacobs) (7- -1863 - 1910+).

Theodore and Isabel Kinsey were married November 15, 1866, by Reverend Joseph Boyd, in Jefferson County, Ohio. The parents of Isabel were from Scotland.

Theodore was a Civil War veteran, joining up at Salineville, Ohio. He was a member of Co. F., 32nd Reg Ohio, Vol Inf. Also served with the 26th O. Ind. Battery. Mustered out August 29, 1864.

Isabel and Theodore moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and may have made the move at the time the folks made their way to Wayne County.

3 chn (w)1
1 child (w)2

-1 Franklin CRISS (4- -1869 -).
(w) Dora (Crator) (2- -1872 -).

Married in 1895, and made their home in Wayne County, Ohio.

2 chn

a. James Ralph CRISS (9- -1898 -).

b. Eva Criss (-1905 -).

-2 Anna (Criss) (-1872 -).
(h) William PLANK (-).

1 child

a. Paul PLANK (-).

-3 Addie E. (Criss) (5- -1879 -).
(h) John ROACH (-).
(h)2 Charles SMITH (-).

Husbands were cousins to one another.

1 child (h)1
2 chn (h)2

a. Lloyd ROACH (-).

b. Hazel Smith (-).

c. Harold SMITH (-).

Reported to live in Ashland, Ohio.

-4 Clifford Ezra CRISS (5-28-1896 - 1-09-1962).
(w) Nell (Gergin) (-1896 - -1933).
(w)2 Belle (Lucas) (5-30-1901 -).

Clifford and Nell were married circa 1925, and made their home in Ashland County, Ohio.

After the death of Nell, Clifford married Belle Lucas December 25, 1936. The family home remained in Ashland County.

1 child (w)1
3 chn (w)2

a. Frances Irene (Criss) (10-06-1926 -).
(h) Dale STOTLER (11-17-1926 -).
(h)2 William Dale BRIGGS (1-15-1928 -).

Married Dale Stotler circa 1946, and made their home in Ashland County, Ohio. Marriage ended in divorce.

Married to William Dale Briggs circa 1954. Make their home in Ashland County, Ohio.

4 chn (h)1
2 chn (h)2

-1 Bonnie Jo (Stotler) (12-30-1948 -).
(h) Ron JONES (-).

2 chn

-2 Barbara Ann (Stotler) (12-19-1949 -).
(h) Robert WHEELER (-).

2 chn

-3 Rebecca Sue Stotler (4-18-1951 -).

-4 Sandra Lou Stotler (3-20-1952 -).

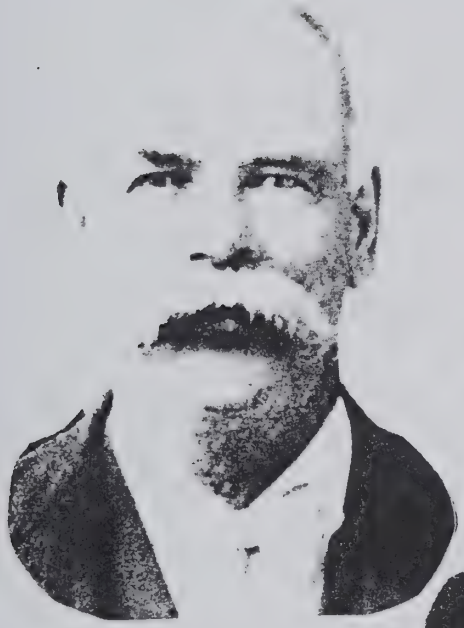
* Mr. Briggs was married previously, and had two children by this first marriage. Married to Mr. Briggs circa 1954, Frances Irene contributed materially to raising the children.

* -5 Dorothy (Briggs) (-1948 -).
(h) LAREDO (-).

* -6 Mary Ellen (Briggs) (-1951 -).
(h) DIGNIN (-).

-7 William Dale BRIGGS, Jr. (6-14-1956 -).
(w) Jo Ellen (Clifford) (-).

-8 Betsy Jane Briggs (10-08-1959 -).



THEODORE CRISS

1841 - pr 1910

CLIFFORD EZRA CRISS

1896 - 1962

LILLIE J. CRISS

1863 - 1910+

b. Robert CRISS (5-19-1941 -).
(w) Marjorie (5-18-1943 -).

Marjorie and Robert were married June 29, 1963, and make their home in West Salem, Ohio. Robert is the fourth generation of the Criss family to own the farm located three miles south-east of town.

3 chn

-1 Jeff CRISS (8-22-1967 -).

-2 Kim Criss (6-06-1970 -).

-3 Eric CRISS (8-07-1976 -).

c. Carlton Dean CRISS (10-18-1943 - 10-18-1943). Infant.

d. Kenneth CRISS (-).

Adopted son of Clifford and Nell, and lives at Glenmont, Ohio.

D. Mary Ann Criss (6-09-1844 - 7-19-1844). Infant.

Born in Ohio. Could be buried at Monroeville, Ohio, with infant stone.

E. Adeline Harriet (Criss) (7-22-1845 -).
(h) Jonathan SHOEMAKER (-).
(h)2 Edward BURGAN (-).

Married Mr. Shoemaker October 2, 1866.

no issue (h)1
1 child (h)2

-1 Mable (Burgan) (-).
(h) Frank WILSON (-).

2 chn

a. Burgan Criss WILSON (-).

b. Vernon Frank WILSON (-).

F. Abigal A. (Addie) Criss (8-23-1848 - 9-22-1851). Three years.

G. William W. J. CRISS (9-21-1851 - 12-12-1855). Four years.

H. James Harlan CRISS (12-28-1855 - 12-24-1947).
(w) Jane Alice (Ruff) (7-22-1859 - 12-07-1891).
(w)2 Abigal Jane (Dorland) (3-03-1873 - 4-06-1953).

James Harlan was named after his father, and was nick-named "Jim" by his friends. For some reason he disliked this, and so much so that he

decided to change his name to Harlan Fremont, supposedly after the famous John C. Fremont, who at this time was forty-two years old and quite a hero as a scout and explorer of the western United States.

Jane Ruff was the daughter of Peter and Hannah (Trout) Ruff, of Pennsylvania. Harlan and Jane were married in 1884 by Rev. Amos Curtis Ruff, her brother, an ordained Methodist Minister.

After the death of Jane, Abigal Jane Dorland came to keep house for Harlan and his two young children. This led to the marriage of Abigal and Harlan in 1896, and the ensuing birth of five more children to the Criss household.

2 chn (w)1
5 chn (w)2

-1 Beulah Florence (Criss) (6-20-1887 - 9-25-1983).
(h) William Chris MUELLER (10-18-1881 - 11-25-1967).

Beulah was born at West Salem, Ohio. Married December 21, 1912. Lived in the McFarland area in Wabaunsee County, Kansas, from 1925 to 1939, when they moved to Eldon, Missouri.

Beulah was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at Eldon, and a member of Gold Star Mothers of America.

Mr. Mueller was an employee of the Rock Island Railroad for twenty years.

5 chn

a. Carl Criss MUELLER (12-26-1914 -).
(w) Dorothy (Gloshen) (12-24-1909 -).

Carl was born at Guymon, Oklahoma. Married May 24, 1964 at the Bethany Lutheran Parsonage, Eldon, Mo. Dorothy was previously married, and is the mother of two children from this marriage.

no issue

b. Paul August MUELLER (4-26-1917 -).
(w) Grace Annabelle (Hanson) (3-28-1916 -).

Paul was born at Guymon, Oklahoma. Married November 28, 1940, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas. Grace was born at McFarland, Kansas.

3 chn

-1 Janice Faye (Mueller) (11-12-1942 -).
(h) James Lynn HEDER (5-23-1940 -).

Janice was born at McFarland, Kansas - James at Alma, Kan. Married August 23, 1967 at Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas.

2 chn

a. Jennifer Lynn Heder (9-01-1972 -).

b. Dustin Dane HEDER (2-23-1976 -).

-2 Ronald Wayne MUELLER (8-25-1946 -).
(w) Janice Lorraine (Taylor) (5-19-1948 -).

Ronald born McFarland, Kansas - Janice at Wichita, Kansas. Married November 17, 1967, at Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas.

2 chn

a. Scott Andrew MUELLER (4-02-1968 -).

b. Kristin Leann Mueller (10-29-1972 -).

-3 David Keith MUELLER (7-28-1952 -).
Sharon Sue (Bean) (8-22-1953 -).

David born McFarland, Kansas - Sharon at Hutchinson, Kansas. Married August 5, 1978, at Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas.

2 chn

a. Derek Wayne MUELLER (2-14-1981 -).

b. Carrie Lynn Mueller (7-04-1983 -).

c. Ruth Maybelle (Mueller) (6-23-1919 -).
(h) Sion Edward COTTRELL (10-03-1909 - 10-31-1972).

Ruth was born at Guymon, Oklahoma. Sion was born at Ekalaka, Montana. Married September 17, 1950, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stover, Missouri.

3 chn

-1 William Edward COTTRELL (1-24-1952 - -1985).

A 1970 graduate of Jefferson City High School. Joined the U. S. Marine Corps shortly after graduation, and served in Japan, Vietnam and Okinawa. Discharged in 1976.

Employed by Denver Detour Bar, Denver, Colorado. Was killed in a pedestrian accident.

-2 Barbara June (Cottrell) (12-20-1955 -).
(h) David KIRSCH (-).

Barbara was born at Jefferson City, Missouri. Married March 6, 1976 at the Catholic Church at Frakenstein, Linn, Mo.

2 chn

a. Paul Edward KIRSCH (1-13-1977 -).

b. Mary Louise Kirsch (6-21-1982 -).

-3 Mary Alice (Cottrell) (2- -1957 -).
(h) Bruce BRANDT (-).

Married July 23, 1977, at St. George Catholic Church, Linn, Missouri.

no issue.

d. Faye Eleanor (Mueller) (7-26-1921 -).
(h) Arvel John Frederick ROTH (7-24-1920 - 2-01-1981).
(h)2 James Paul BELSHE (9-27-1923 -).

Faye was born at Guymon, Oklahoma - Arvel at Illmo, Missouri. Married September 5, 1954, at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, Missouri. Arvel passed away in 1981, and is interred at Eldon, Missouri.

Faye married James Belshe of Henley, Missouri, on February 11, 1984. The marriage took place at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Eldon, Missouri.

2 chn (h)1

-1 Arthur William ROTH (5-31-1955 -).
(w) Catherine Marie (Jaskot) (11-11-1958 -).

Arthur was born in Eldon, Missouri - Catherine in Japan. Married October 25, 1980, at The Lady of The Lake Catholic Church, Lake Ozark, Missouri.

1 child

a. Adam Nathaniel ROTH (2-12-1985 -).

-2 Frances Elizabeth (Roth) (10-03-1957 -).
(h) Steven Nelson KEITH (1-16-1956 -).

Frances was born in Eldon, Missouri - Steven in Tennessee. Married June 3, 1983, by Lutheran Pastor, Columbia, Mo.

1 child

a. John William KEITH (12-08-1983 -).

e. William Wayne MUELLER (11-15-1923 - 10-05-1944).

William was born at Guymon, Oklahoma. A paratrooper member of the 101 Airborne Division, he was killed in action in Holland,

World War II. Interred at McFarland, Kansas. Never married.

-2 Carleton Curtis CRISS (2-06-1889 - 8-14-1957).

Brother of Beulah Criss Mueller, and only son born of the marriage between Harlan Fremont and Jane Alice Ruff. Never married.

-3 Ethel Rilla (Criss) (12-12-1896 - 3-20-1972).
(h) Joseph Aaron MEYER (8-23-1885 - 12-12-1962).

Ethel was the first child born of the marriage between Harlan Fremont Criss and Abigal Jane Dorland. Joseph was the son of Arnold and Christina (Kunder) Meyer.

Ethel and Joseph were married November 30, 1913.

7 chn

a. Joseph Aaron MEYER, Jr. (7-16-1915 -).
(w) Betty (Michaels) (-).
(w)2 (-).

5 chn

-1 Vicky (Meyer) (-).
(h) Jerry BURGHART (-).

3 chn

a. Karen Burghart (-).

b. Lori Burghart (-).

c. Jerry Lee BURGHART (-).

-2 Gary W. MEYER (2-14-1949 - 9-20-1979).

-3 Gregory P. MEYER (-).
(w) JoAnn (-).

Married June 13, 1981.

-4 Mary Jo Meyer (3-17- -).

-5 Kevin MEYER (5-29-1961 -).

b. Frances Louise Meyer (11-27-1917 -).

Now known as Sister Agnes, (Catholic Nun) Amarillo, Texas.

c. Victor W. MEYER (12-26-1919 - 8-06-1944).

Killed during World War II. No particulars.

d. Leo Weldon MEYER (12-19-1921 -).
(w) Helen G. (Kopatz) (10-15-1923 -).
(w)2 Mattabel (Andrews) (8-04-1924 -).

Leo and Helen Kopatz were married October 4, 1946. Divorced in 1967.

Married Mattabel Andrews September 3, 1976.

1 child (w)1

-1 Susan K. (Meyer) (4-20-1948 -).
(h) Peter A. HINE (9-21-1946 -).

Married January 28, 1967.

2 chn

a. Matthew C. HINE (12-26-1971 -).

b. Carrie M. Hine (10-17-1974 -).

e. Mary L. (Meyer) (8-08-1926 -).
(h) Seabern THOMAS (10-27-1920 - 8-06-1966).
(h)2 Joseph D. CURRY (8-25-1928 -).

Mary and Seabern were married April 27, 1946. Marriage to Mr. Curry took place September 26, 1974.

no issue.

f. Vincent Eugene MEYER (7-28-1928 - 11-01-1978).
(w) Shirley L. (Whiting) (7-23-1931 -).

Married June 1, 1950.

4 chn

-1 Pamela Jo (Meyer) (3-20-1951 -).
(h) John BOECK (8-18-1947 -).
(h)2 David ROUSE (4-01-1947 -).

Pamela and John were married December 20, 1971. Marriage ended in divorce. Married David Rouse, October 20, 1978.

1 chn (h)1

a. Brandy BOECK (4-16-1973 -).

-2 Victor Wayne MEYER (11-19-1952 -).
(w) Carol (Eimes) (8-06-1953 -).

Married July 24, 1974.

no issue

-3 Penelope (Meyer) (-1954 -).
(h) Arthur L. PACKER (12-29-1952 -).

Married January 13, 1973.

1 child

a. Michelle Rene Packer (10-02-1973 -).

-4 Christopher Steven MEYER (11-20-1956 -).
(w) Helen Christine (Jacobsen) (11-11-1958 -).

Married December 13, 1975. Divorced.

1 child

a. Michael Steven MEYER (12-08-1977 -).

g. Margaret Ruth (Meyer) (11-15-1930 -).
(h) Kenneth E. STEAD (1-06-1932 -).

Married December 4, 1954.

2 chn

-1 Debra A. (Stead) (12-07-1958 -).
(h) Michael G. WADDELL (-).

Married May 16, 1980. Divorced.

no issue

-2 Jacqueline M. Stead (4-19-1961 -).

-4 Edward Thomas CRISS (3-03-1899 - 11-20-1900). Infant.

-5 Walter Monroe CRISS (12-13-1901 -).

Never married. Lives in Guymon, Oklahoma.

-6 Willard Ruben Clarence CRISS (7-15-1908 - 2-23-1978).
(w) Clura May (Phillips) (12-08-1909 -).

Clura May lives in Guymon, Oklahoma.

1 child

a. Nelda Lorraine (Criss) (6-01-1930 -).
(h) Lonnie FLEMMING (7-31-1931 -).

Living Guymon, Oklahoma.

2 chn

-1 Kipton Eugene FLEMMING (-).
(w) (-).
(w)2 (-).
(w)3 (-).

( ) child (w)1
( ) child (w)2
( ) child (w)3

-2 Rickey Dean FLEMMING (-).
(w) Sue (Walton) (-).

2 chn

a. (-).

b. (-).

-7 Owen Wayne CRISS (7-15-1911 -).

Never married. Born in Oklahoma. Lives with his brother, Walter, in Guymon, Oklahoma.

OWEN WAYNE CRISS WALTER MONROE CRISS

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

7. WILLIAM CRISS (-1812 -).
(w) Esther (-1812 -).

William was born and raised in Pennsylvania. Information on his wife is scant. William and Esther were probably married in Pennsylvania before moving to Meigs County, Ohio, where they raised their family.

All their children were born in Ohio, and had married and moved on prior to 1870, when William and Esther were still living in Scipio Township of Meigs Co.

7 chn

A. Margaret Criss (-1836 -).

B. Sarah Criss (-1839 -).

Twins

C. Mary Criss (-1839 -).

D. Alphonse CRISS (-1842 -).

E. David CRISS (-1843 -).

F. Henry CRISS (1- -1845 -).
(w) Christina (12- -1844 -).

Henry and Christina were married ca 1862, and made their home in Pickaway County, Ohio, Circleville. Christina was born in Germany.

8 chn

-1 William CRISS (11- -1863 -).
(w) Kate (8- -1865 -).

1 child

a. Joseph CRISS (5- -1888 -).

-2 Elizabeth Criss (-1869 -).

-3 Edward CRISS (6- -1870 -).
(w) Lena (1- -1872 -).

Were living in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1900.

-4 Harry W. CRISS (2- -1873 -).
(w) Jessie (12- -1876 -).

1 child

a. Ralph CRISS (9- -1897 -).

-5 Harvey or Harvard CRISS (5- -1876 -).

-6 Albert CRISS (9- -1879 -).

-7 Margaret Criss (8- -1882 -).
Twins

-8 Martha Criss (8- -1882 -).

G. Nancy Criss (-1845 -).

Twin sister of Henry Criss.

THIS COMPLETES THE KNOWN INFORMATION ON WILLIAM CRISS, and his descendents---

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

8. REZIN D. CRISS (-1815 - -1880).
(w) Martha (Amspoker) (-1816 - 1856/62).
(w)2 Elizabeth (Watson) (-1828 - -1881).

Rezin and Martha were probably married in Pennsylvania, and then made their way to Meigs County, Ohio. The children were all born in Ohio, and the family was living in the Cambridge District of Guernsey County, Ohio, when Martha died.

Martha Amspoker was the daughter of John and Mary Amspoker, and a cousin of Carrie Amspoker who married Elijah Criss, son of John Criss, and grandson of Jacob Criss of Washington County, Pennsylvania. Martha's grandparents were Jonas (1740-1796) and Elizabeth (Leeper) Amspoker of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa. Jonas was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and his family has erected an appropriate memorial tomb for him at the Cross Creek Cemetery.

Martha's parents are interred at the St. John's Cemetery, just west of Independence, Pa.

After the death of Martha, Rezin married Elizabeth Watson on Oct. 23, 1862, and they made their home in the town of Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio.

5 chn (w)1
1 child (w)2

A. Amspoker (Amos) CRISS (-1842 - -1897).
(w) Mary H. (-1850 - 1870/78).
(w)2 Eliza J. (Williamson) (-1846 - -1887).

Married in Delaware County, Ohio, Amspoker and Mary lived the life of a farm family. Their home was in the little town of Vans Valley. Mary passed away at an early age, and there is no evidence that the marriage was with issue.

After the death of Mary, Amspoker married Eliza J. Williamson, April 4, 1878. They continued to live on the farm.

3 chn (w)2

-1 Myrtle Criss (7- -1879 -).

-2 Orin CRISS (-1881 -).

-3 Mary Criss (-1882 -).

NOTE: The order to appraise the property of Amspoker Criss was filed in Probate Court, Delaware County, Ohio, on October 9th, 1897. Eliza Criss, second wife of Amspoker, had passed away earlier. According to the appraisement, Myrtle Criss, was noted as a daughter over 18 years of age. Orin Criss, a minor son, over 14 years of age and Mary Criss, a minor daughter, also over 14 years of age.

Minor Orin Criss is now in the Children's Home in Delaware County, Ohio.

Said Myrtle and Mary are now at/and inmates of the State Asylum for the feeble minded, Columbus, Ohio, that each was so situate at the death of their father and for more than a year prior thereto.

The farm was of small size, and the debts of Amspoker were such that there was little if any to pass on to the children after his death.

B. George Dallas CRISS (6-21-1845 - 5-28-1912).
(w) Lucie Augusta (11-25-1849 - 2-27-1892).

George and Lucie lived in the community of Vans Valley, Delaware County, Ohio. They made their living as farmers.

George and Lucie, along with Eliza, second wife of Amspoker, are buried at the Sunbury Ohio Cemetery.

3 chn

-1 Elma O. Criss (1- -1870 -).

-2 Ella Criss (-1873 -).

-3 Ethel Criss (5- -1888 -).

NOTE: All efforts to trace the three daughters of George and Lucie have failed.

C. Hannah (Criss) (-1848 -).
(h) MUNSELL (-).

No information on this daughter of Rezin and Martha Criss.

D. Olivan (Criss) (6-04-1852 - 1-14-1927).
(h) Oren FRANCIS (6-03-1848 - 11-30-1904).

Married circa 1869. lived in Guernsey County, Ohio.

3 chn

-1 Norman C. FRANCIS (-1870 - -1937).
(w) Bertha (4-10-1873 - 5-22-1892).

Married in Melvern, Kansas.

5 chn

a. Chester FRANCIS (-).
(w)2 Rhoda (Allison) (-).

b. Goldie Ruth (Francis) (-).
(h) WOOD (-).

c. Mable (Francis) (-).
(h) GREEN (-).

d. Olivan (Francis) (-).
(h) STORY (-).

e. Clarence FRANCIS (-).

-2 Miriam (Francis) (10-20-1876 - 12-31-1951).
(h) Whitney W. DOUGLAS (8-18-1876 - 6-18-1939).

Married in Melvern, Kansas.

1 child

a. Francis Whitney DOUGLAS (-).

-3 Roena (Francis) (8-12-1882 - -1963).
(h) Hayes W. HENRY (-1876 - 10- -1935).

Married in Melvern, Kansas.

1 child

a. Oren HENRY (6-26-1911 - 8-09-1982).
(w) Vada (Winters) (8-04-1910 -).

Married November 17, 1935.

4 chn

-1 Hayes Wheeler HENRY (1-06-1937 -).
(w) Judy (Jennings) (-). Divorced.
(w)2 Sue (Tuttle) (-). Divorced.
(w)3 Rebecca Sue (Miller) (-1956 -).

Hayes and Rebecca Sue were married in August, 1983.

2 chn (w)1
1 child (w)2

a. Gary Robert HENRY (12-31-1960 -).

b. Timothy Lynn HENRY (7-23-1962 -).

c. Kelly Francis HENRY (10-28-1971 -).

-2 Frances Kay Henry (-1939 - -1940). Infant.

-3 Gary HENRY (7-23-1941 -).
(w) Sandra (Locke) (-).

3 chn

a. Jeffery Andrew HENRY (10-02-1966 -).
b. Mathew HENRY (6-06-1969 -).
c. Gregory Aaron HENRY (2-26-1971 -).

-4 Terry HENRY (1-26-1949 -).
(w) Charlotte (Cleaver) (-).

2 chn

a. Christopher HENRY (12-15-1978 -).

b. Nicholas HENRY (8-29-1983 -).

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CRISS FAMILY ca 1910

REZIN D. OLIVAN CORA RACHEL HANNAH GEORGE DALLAS

E. Rezin D. CRISS, Jr. (1-11-1856 - 2- -1925).
(w) Sarah Jane (McNabb) (5-27-1867 -).

Rezin was living in Delaware County, Ohio, as late as June, 1880. His father had passed away earlier, and Rezin was living with his half sister, Cora, and step-mother, Elizabeth. Rezin was the administrator for his father's estate.

Rezin was evidently a "junior", but according to his family, was never known as such. Moving to Osage County, Kansas, he met Sarah Jane, or

"Jennie" as she was known, and they were married August 12, 1883.

Jennie was born in Iowa, and was the daughter of Tennessee Carter and Mary Elizabeth (Humphrey) McNabb. She came from a family of five boys and two girls.

Rezin settled in the Township of Melvern, where he farmed and taught school.

6 chn

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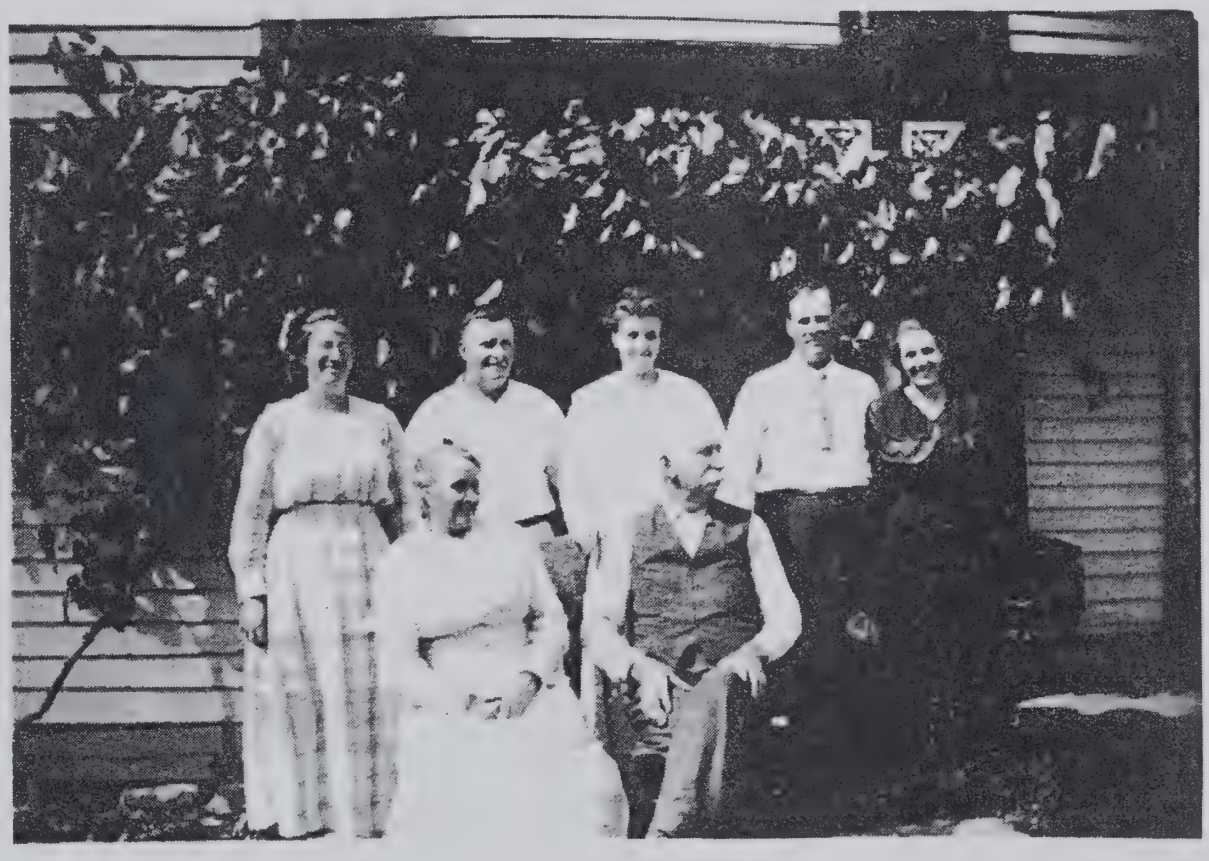

CRISS FAMILY ca 1920

OLIVAN OTIS GROVER MINA GRACE RAY DEVER MIRIAM AVELYN

seated --- SARAH JANE "JENNIE" REZIN D.

-1 Otis Grover CRISS (3-19-1885 - 2-27-1940).
(w) Grace (Porter) (5-05-1885 - 7-18-1963).

Married July 28, 1904, they raised a large family, many of which still live in the vicinity of Melvern, Kansas.

6 chn

a. Relle Edwin CRISS (7-22-1905 -).
(w) Ruth Elizabeth (Lacey) (8-14-1908 -).

Married December 27, 1930.

no issue

b. Blaine Porter CRISS (11-19-1906 - 5-14-1966).
(w) Edna Mae (Ryan) (5-15-1907 - 11-01-1974).

Married May 24, 1932.

2 chn

-1 Blaine Eugene CRISS (-).
(w) Patty (Stover) (-).

Married June 9, 1956.

2 chn

a. Nancy Lynne Criss (-).

b. Terry Dwayne CRISS (6-21-1962 -).
(w) Mary Ellen (Kriegshauser) (-).

Married June 14, 1985, Chesterfield, Missouri.

-2 Barbara Anne (Criss) (7-27-1939 -).
(h) Larry MARSHALL (-).

2 chn

a. Steven MARSHALL (-1965 -).

b. Stacie Anne Marshall (-1969 -).

c. R. D. CRISS (9-29-1908 -).
(w) Edith (Catlin) (6-25-1912 -).

3 chn

-1 Rodney Duane CRISS (3-08-1934 - stillborn).

-2 Raymon Daryl CRISS (5-05-1935 -).
(w) Karyn (Creek) (-).

Divorced.

4 chn

a. Sandra Kay (Criss) (3-16-1957 -).
(h) Barry Lyle RIDGE (-).
(h)2 Michael COOPER (-).

Married to Barry Ridge, May 20, 1978. Divorced.

2 child (h)2

-1 Michelle Karen Cooper (-).

-2 Candace Diane Cooper (8-06-1985 -).

b. Robert Daryl CRISS (6-15-1958 -).
(w) Lisa (-).
1 child

-1 Aubrey Joy Criss (11-18-1985 -).

c. Michael Raymond CRISS (2-27-1960 -).
(w) Mandy (-).
1 child

-1 Danielle Marina Criss (7-04-1985 -).

d. Susan Deneen (Criss) (8-21-1965 -).
(h) Kevin Patrick HAMERSKY (-).

Married July 30, 1983.

-3 Sandra Sue (Criss) (3-06-1939 -).
(h) William HOWARD (-).

Divorced.

2 chn

a. Edith Anne Howard (3-22-1967 -).

b. Relle William HOWARD (1-14-1970 -).

d. Vera (Criss) (12-25-1907 - 11-27-1982).
(h) Paul SPENCER (-).
no issue

e. Otis Glen CRISS (9-01-1911 -).
(w) Ava (Cuffel) (6-27-1913 - 12-21-1970).
1 child

-1 Gary Glen CRISS (1-27-1937 - 6-27-1977).
(w) Carol (Salmana) (-).

Married June 22, 1960.

4 chn

a. Shannon Renee CRISS (3-01-1962 -).

b. Patrick Glen CRISS (4-04-1965 -).

c. Liv Erin Criss (3-18-1973 -).

d. Cord Cannon CRISS (10-01-1975 -).

f. Verlin J. CRISS (7-22-1916 -).
(w) Ruth A. (Dunn) (5-25-1917 -).

1 child

-1 Jo Ann (Criss) (5-25-1940 -).
(h) Gerald SCHAMAHORN (7-18-1940 -).

Married August 25, 1961.

1 child

a. Janell Lynn Schamahorn (10-25-1964 -).

-2 Lutie Edith Criss (9-03-1886 - 10-24-1899). Three years.

-3 Olivan (Criss) (2-28-1888 - -1965).
(h) Floyd NARAUS (-).

no issue

-4 Ray Dever CRISS (2-16-1890 - 5-18-1957).
(w) Hattie (Smith) (1-10-1892 - 12-27-1962).

Married October 9, 1911.

2 chn

a. Kenneth CRISS (10-27-1912 - 8-10-1984).
(w) Dorothy (Evertson) (2-24-1915 -).

Married October 8, 1938.

4 chn

-1 Jane Marie (Criss) (9-20-1939 -).
(h) Vernon Louis WEIMER (7-06-1933 -).

Married June 9, 1957.

3 chn

a. Debbie Kay (Weimer) (9-18-1959 -).
(h) Gary FRENCH (-).

Married November 5, 1977.

1 child

-1 Amy Lee French (4-24-1983 -).

b. Lesa Jane Weimer (6-27-1961 -).

c. Randy WEIMER (10-13-1963 - 11-09-1977). Fourteen years.

-2 Francis Kay (Criss) (8-08-1942 -).
(h) George Raymond CATES (-).

Married June 10, 1961.

3 chn

a. George Raymond CATES (6-02-1962 -).

b. Terri Jean Cates (6-15-1963 -).

c. Bryon Kent CATES (1-18-1965 -).

-3 Kenneth Robert CRISS (6-09-1945 -).
(w) Nancy Jo (Miller) (11-01-1948 -).

Married October 30, 1970.

2 chn

a. Kenneth Robert CRISS, Jr. (8-05-1971 -).

b. Mathew Lee CRISS (10-26-1975 -).

-4 Wilma Jean (Criss) (8-25-1948 -).
(h) Steven Lynn CRABTREE (-).

Married November 6, 1970.

2 chn

a. Kathy Lynn Crabtree (3-30-1967 -).

b. Jason Wayne CRABTREE (4-12-1980 -).

b. Mildred Fern Criss (1-03-1918 - 5-09-1929). Eleven years.

-5 Avelyn Miriam (Criss) (10-28-1896 -).
(h) Verlin John PATTERSON (4-13-1884 - -1967).

Avelyn Miriam Criss was the fifth child and third daughter born to Rezin D. and Sarah Jane Criss. Born and raised in Kansas.

Married October 20, 1914.

6 chn

a. Nellie Louise (Patterson) (10-01-1915 -).
(h) Russel PRIVAT (12-11-1911 -).

Married September 27, 1934.

3 chn

-1 Laryl Arlen PRIVAT (12-03-1935 -).
(w) Barbara Sue (Bell) (9-30-1943 -).

Married May 29, 1967.

3 chn

a. Laryl Arlen PRIVAT, Jr. (10-09-1967 -).

b. Russel Leslie PRIVAT (11-07-1968 -).

c. Clifford Alan PRIVAT (2-28-1974 -).

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PATTERSON FAMILY

OTIS PATTERSON | GALE PATTERSON | R. D. PATTERSON | MAURICE PATTERSON

seated--

N. DEE (PATTERSON) ARB | A. MIRIAM (CRISS) PATTERSON | LOUISE (PATTERSON) PRIVAT

Christmas, 1979

-2 Garry D. PRIVAT (11-24-1939 -).
(w) Marylinn Kay (Tuepker) (1-08-1947 -).

Married November 15, 1969.

2 chn

a. Keena Marie Privat (1-10-1973 -).

b. Cordell Lee PRIVAT (2-07-1975 -).

-3 Anita Faye (Privat) (9-14-1941 -).
(h) Donald Eugene CASEY (-).

Married November 29, 1959. Divorced.

3 chn

a. Cary Eugene CASEY (10-16-1960 -).
(w) Mary Jane (Slusher) (6-25-1962 -).

Mary Jane the daughter of Edward and Nina (Schrader) Slusher. Cary and Mary Jane Married December 1, 1984.

b. Sherry Lynn Casey (8-13-1962 -).
c. Clarissa Ann Casey (6-16-1964 -).

b. Maurice Criss PATTERSON (1-21-1917 -).
(w) Jane (Harrison) (3-13-1925 -).

Married March 29, 1947.

5 chn

-1 Cynthia (Patterson) (-).
(h) John ROBERTS (-).

Married May 23, 1965.

1 child

a. John ROBERTS, Jr. (8-12-1966 -).

-2 Rebecca Ann (Patterson) (12-25-1947 -).
(h) Ronald M. COX (-).
(h)2 James MITCHELL (-).

Married Ronald Cox, May 20, 1966. Divorced.
Married James Mitchell, October 1, 1975.

2 chn (h)1
2 chn (h)2

a. Kathy Cox (8-11-1966 -).
b. Kevin COX (9-12-1969 -).
c. Melissa Mitchell (12-14-1976 -).
d. James MITCHELL, Jr. (3-09-1980 -).

-3 Stephen John PATTERSON (3-15-1949 -).
(w) Janet (Van Donge) (2-01-1951 -).

Married December 20, 1974. Divorced. Janet had two children by a previous marriage that were adopted by Stephen.

4 chn

a. Timothy PATTERSON (4-03-1970 -).
b. Tricia Patterson (6-13-1972 -).
c. Shannon PATTERSON (2-16-1977 -).
d. Stephen PATTERSON (3-21-1979 -).

-4 Ken Maurice PATTERSON (8-07-1954 -).

-5 Victoria Lynn (Patterson) (2-14-1957 -).
(h) Robert POTTER (-).

Married March 31, 1980.

1 child

a. Jessica Lynn Potter (5-12-1983 -).

c. Otis Ray PATTERSON (12-19-1920 -).
(w) Ruth Margaret (Greene) (3-09-1921 -).

Married December 26, 1947.

5 chn

-1 Margaret Ann "Peggy" (Patterson) (7-01-1942 -).
(h) Dale McCURDY (7-07-1943 -).

Married August 25, 1961.

2 chn

a. Gregory McCURDY (3-21-1962 -).

b. Ryan McCURDY (9-25-1972 -).

-2 Diana (Patterson) (2-15-1943 -).
(h) James CASTEN (11-05-1943 -).

Married May 29, 1965.

2 chn

a. Jamie CASTEN (7-15-1967 -).

b. John Raymond CASTEN (10-20-1970 -).

-3 Julia Kay (Patterson) (8-12-1949 -).
(h) Leroy SELF (5-26-1941 -).

Married December 26, 1970.

5 chn

a. Beth Ann Self (1-29-1969 -).

b. Alan Leroy SELF (3-01-1976 -).

c. Robin Eileen Self (2-20-1979 -).

d. Judy Dee (Self) (1-12-1963 -).
(h) Kent HITTLE (-).

Married February 14, 1982.

e. Douglas D. Wayne SELF (1-06-1965 -).

-4 John Dale PATTERSON (8-26-1950 -).
(w) Janet Lee (Schippers) (2-25-1952 -).

Married August 18, 1973.

5 chn

a. Jessica Ray Patterson (2-25-1975 -).
b. Jerri Nicohe Patterson (5-24-1976 -).
c. Janea Heather Patterson (5-12-1978 -).
d. John Dale PATTERSON, Jr. (8-12-1982 - 8-14-1982). Inf.
e. Justina Lillian Patterson (9-18-1984 -).

-5 Evelyn Louise (Patterson) (6-10-1953 -).
(h) Jefferson McCONNELL, Jr. (1-04-1952 -).

Married November 28, 1980.

d. Gale D. PATTERSON (8-16-1925 -).
(w) Dorothy (Fitch) (3-24-1928 -).

Married October 10, 1947.

4 chn

-1 Nancy Sue (Patterson) (5-11-1948 -).
(h) Larry YOCKEY (8-21-1947 -).

Married May 15, 1967.

4 chn

a. Brian YOCKEY (2-09-1971 -).

b. Jennifer Yockey (6-15-1974 -).
Twins
c. Julia Yockey (6-15-1974 -).

d. Kimberly Yockey (7-20-1978 -).

-2 Connie Galene (Patterson) (8-26-1949 -).
(h) Alan BUTTS (4-14-1948 -).

Married December 6, 1971.

3 chn

a. Darcie Butts (8-28-1973 -).
b. Derek BUTTS (10-14-1977 -).
c. Eric BUTTS (10-13-1979 -).

-3 Daryl Alan PATTERSON (8-28-1950 -).
(w) Gloria (Sloan) (8-09-1952 -).

Married April 11, 1972.

3 chn

a. Dale PATTERSON (3-27-1973 -).
b. Darren PATTERSON (5-08-1975 -).
c. Jeffery PATTERSON (12-14-1980 -).

-4 Sandra Jean (Patterson) (10-15-1959 -).
(h) Terry D. BULLOCK (4-08-1960 -).

Terry's parents are Sennett Conner and Jerline Virginia (Woods) Bullock. Sandra and Terry were married August 4, 1984, at the Methodist Church, Melvern, Kansas.

1 child

a. Sara Jean Bullock (6-25-1985 -).

e. R. D. PATTERSON (12-20-1927 -).
(w) Norma (Arb) (10-01-1929 -).

Married March 8, 1949.

2 chn

-1 James D. PATTERSON (2-14-1954 -).
(w) Jane (Gardner) (-).
(w)2 Lori Elaine (Stokes) Miller (10-08-1956 -).

Married Jane Gardner May 30, 1975. Divorced.
Married Lori Elaine Miller, May 4, 1985, at Nuremburg, West Germany.

1 child (w)1

a. Jason PATTERSON (1-03-1976 -).

-2 William PATTERSON (11-21-1960 -).
(w) Judy Ann (Skillet) (6-27-1962 -).

Married August 10, 1985.

f. Norma Dee (Patterson) (12-20-1927 -).
(h) Eldon ARB (10-26-1928 -).

Norma and Eldon were married September 22, 1946.

3 chn

-1 Joyce Belinda (Arb) (3-14-1949 -).
(h) Jack LACEY (10-04-1948 -).

Married January 6, 1968.

3 chn

a. Mark LACEY (10-07-1974 -).
b. Jason LACEY (4-07-1977 -).
c. Matthew LACEY (11-06-1981 -).

-2 Rita Ann (Arb) (3-06-1951 -).
(h) Richard MARKHAM (6-21-1948 -).

Married April 7, 1971.

2 chn

a. Dustin MARKHAM (7-18-1976 -).
b. Douglas MARKHAM (5-10-1981 -).

-3 Rex Eldon ARB (5-17-1952 -).
(w) Terry (Newton) (4-28-1952 -).

Married October 28, 1972.

3 chn

a. Jill Marie Arb (6-16-1974 -).
b. Jaime Susanna Arb (2-18-1977 -).
c. Joseph Eldon ARB (10-19-1981 -).

-6 Mina Grace (Criss) (10-18-1899 - 3-31-1969).
(h) Walter Athon MARSHALL (7-23-1896 - 4-04-1970).

Mina Grace Criss was the last of the children born to Rezin D. Cris and Sarah Jane McNabb.

Married Walter Marshall December 25, 1917.

1 child

a. Clorice Grace (Marshall) 1-11-1920 - 9-15-1981).
(h) Frederick M. KIRKPATRICK (1-18-1913 -).

Married December 10, 1935.

5 chn

-1 Clorice Myrle (Kirkpatrick) (7-07-1938 -).
(h) John E. FREERKSEN (9-05-1935 -).

Married April 13, 1958.

4 chn

a. John Walter FREERKSEN (1-30-1959 -).
(w) Mary Beth (Bartlett) (8-31-1961 -).

Married March 1, 1980.

1 child

-1 Adam Lee FREERKSEN (1-08-1981 -).

b. Daniel Dean FREERKSEN (12-29-1959 -).
(w) Sherry Lynn (Maley) (12-20-1963 -).

Married July 3, 1982.

c. Troy McKay FREERKSEN (2-19-1964 -).

d. Craig Patrick FREERKSEN (2-05-1969 -).

-2 Janice Kay (Kirkpatrick) (7-08-1942 -).
(h) David Lee RIEMER (2-23-1939 -).

Married January 21, 1975.

-3 Jolinda Sue (Kirkpatrick) (6-24-1951 -).
(h) Richard "Tex" APPEL (7-25-1950 -).

Married November 28, 1981.

-4 Ricky Marshall (Kirkpatrick) (12-06-1956 -).
(h) Jerry COLE (8-07-1958 -).

Married October 16, 1976.

2 chn

a. Shanna Marie Kirkpatrick (7-28-1978 -).

b. Crystal Ann Kirkpatrick (12-20-1981 -).

-5 Randy Lynn KIRKPATRICK (8-17-1958 -).
(w) LaDonna (Scheele) (2-25-1960 -).

Married September 4, 1976.

2 chn

a. Christopher Alan KIRKPATRICK (1-10-1977 -).

b. Shane Brandon KIRKPATRICK (5-07-1979 -).

F. Cora Rachel (Criss) (7-01-1868 - 12-22-1940).
(h) John Riley WATSON (7-03-1865 - 10-07-1930).

Cora Rachel was the daughter of Rezin D. Criss (1815-1880) and Elizabeth Watson (1828-1881). She was a half-sister to Amspoker, George Dallas, Hannah, Olivan and Rezin D. Criss, Jr.

Cora was a native of Ohio, and was born in either Guernsey or Delaware County. After the death of Rezin D. Criss, Sr., the family lived in Trenton Township, Delaware County, Ohio, at least through June of 1880.

The mother passed away in 1881, and her will provided for Cora, only daughter born of this marriage. George Watson of Guernsey County, an uncle of Cora's, was appointed her guardian. It is believed that Rezin, Junior, being of age 25 at this time, left soon after for Osage County, Kansas, where he married and raised his own family.

Cora married John Riley April 7, 1890. (see photo of Cora, page 211)

1 child

-1 Lena Mae (Watson) (5-31-1890 - 11-04-1957).
(h) Walter Ross ENGARD (10-19-1891 - 3-03-1961).

Married November 28, 1912.

2 chn

a. Marion Watson ENGARD (2-15-1914 - 7-11-1965).
(w) Virginia L. (Burton) (3-22-1913 -).

Married June 23, 1939.

3 chn

-1 Gerre Gale (Engard) (3-28-1940 -).
(h) Eddie L. BYRD (-).

Married August 25, 1962.

3 chn

a. Thomas Engard BYRD (7-09-1964 -).

b. Scott Edward BYRD (6-29-1966 -).

c. Ann Elizabeth Byrd (12-08-1969 -).

-2 Rhonda Jean Engard (11-12-1943 -).

-3 Patricia Ann (Engard) (8-31-1946 -).
(h) DAVIS (-).

Married . Divorced.

1 child

a. Matthew Lee DAVIS (11-04-1968 -).

b. Helen Dale (Engard) (3-06-1921 -).
(h) James Boyd WOODARD (-).

Married circa 1946.

2 chn

-1 James Boyd WOODARD, Jr. (12-14-1947 -).
(w) Joan (Brune) (-).

Married September 9, 1978.

1 child

a. Thomas James "T. J." WOODARD (6-20-1982 -).

-2 Walter Richard WOODARD (8-20-1953 -).

THIS COMPLETES THE KNOWN INFORMATION ON THE FAMILY OF REZIN D. CRISS and their descendents---

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca 1784-1856) and their descendents---

9. JOHN CRAWFORD CRISS (-1823 -).
(w) Lydia A. (Clark) (-1824 -).

John Crawford was born and raised in Pennsylvania, Lydia in Ohio. Married January 7, 1841, they made their home in Jefferson County, Ohio. They started their family in the Brush Creek district, and moved to Saline Township in 1870.

John was evidently a man of the soil, and at one time was listed as a nursery agent.

12 chn

A. William CRISS (-1841 -).
(w) Catharine (Jones) (ca-1853 -).
(w)2 Catherine (Clark) (7- -1858 - 1910/1919).

William was associated with railroading as a living, and was active with his brothers James and Hugh in this pursuit. As such, it has been a problem to track this man as closely as desired.

Married to Catharine Jones in 1870. Marriage ended either by divorce or death of Catharine.

Married Catherine Clark in 1878. Lived in Uhrichsville and Mill Townships of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. After the death of William, prior to 1900, Catherine was living with four of the children in Saline Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

2 chn (w)1
4 chn (w)2

-1 Anna Criss (1-14-1872 -).

-2 Nellie R. Criss (1-13-1876 -).

-3 George Sylvester CRISS (-1879 - ca-1942).
(w) Minnie (-1880 -).
(w)2 Lottie (-).

Married to Minnie ca 1904, they adopted a girl. This girl is reported to be living in North Carolina (1983).

The marriage to Lottie also resulted in an adoption, this girl reported to be living in California.

1 child (w)2

a. Panelloph (Pansy) Criss (-1905 -). Adopted.

b. Margaret Ellen Criss (-).
(h) EDMONSON (-).

c. Virginia Criss (-). Adopted.

-4 John M. CRISS (11- -1880 -).

John was killed by a train in Ohio. No other particulars.

-5 Lulu L. Criss (4- -1885 -).
(h) DUGAN (-).

1 child

a. Irene Criss Dugan (-).

-6 Edgar Crawford CRISS (2-18-1887 - 12-27-1957).
(w) Martha (Sainer) (-1891 - -1970).

Edgar was born in Steubenville, Ohio. Living in Irondale, Ohio, when he married, and employed as a tinmill worker.

Martha was born in Pennsylvania, but was living in Irondale when she married. Parents were Wesley and Esther (Holmes) Sainer.

Married October 19, 1911, they made their home in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

5 chn

a. Delores (Criss) (4-03-1912 -).
(h) McCURDY (-).

b. Marian Criss (-1918 - -1923).

c. Mildred (Criss) (7-24-1915 -).
(h) DUDASH (-).

d. Raymond Edgar CRISS (1-24-1919 -).
(w) Margaret (-).

e. Beulah Mae (Criss) (11-22-1923 -).
(h) CWYHAR (-).

In 1910, Catherine Clark Criss, second wife and widow of William Criss, was living in Jefferson County, Ohio. Her daughter, Lulu L. Criss, was living with her, and both were living with John Criss, a brother in law. (see pages 229-230)

B. James Alb. CRISS (-1842 -).
(w) Rebecca (Laizure) (1-14-1847 - 2-19-1876).

James was a railroad engineer. He and his brothers, William and Hugh, were all involved with railroading.

Rebecca was born in Ohio. Her parents were Isaac and Eliza (Hull) Laizure. Rebecca and her parents are interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

Married June 3, 1866, they made their home at first in Tuscarawas County

in Ohio, town of Uhrichsville.

The 1910 census of Ohio lists James as living in the Sugar Creek District of Stark County. No indication of family members with him.

1 child

-1 Alice Criss (-1869 -).

C. Isaac Robinson CRISS (6- -1845 - 11-09-1922).
(w) Delilah C. (Kerr) (4- -1842 - 10-03-1908).

Delilah was the daughter of William and Elnora Kerr, a farm family of Brush Creek, Jefferson County, Ohio.

Isaac left a Will, and mentioned his nephew, Will Criss (1876-), a niece, Lulu, daughter of William and Catherine Criss, and a grand niece, Marian, daughter of Edgar C. and Martha Criss.

Delilah preceeded her husband in death, and left a will of her own leaving her estate to husband, Isaac, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

It is interesting to note that Delilah was very specific in her Will of a burial plot. Her wish was granted, and she and Isaac are interred at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Brush Creek, Ohio. (Jefferson County).

no issue

D. Rebecca Criss (-1846 -).

E. Hugh H. CRISS (-1848 -).
(w) Mirian (Perrine) (-1852 -).

Hugh was working in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, as a railroad fireman when he met and married Mirian.

Married ca 1871, they moved to Carroll County, Ohio, and were making their home in Leesburgh in 1880.

6 chn

-1 Laura Louisa Criss (11-10-1871 -).

-2 Arthur May CRISS (3-22-1873 -).

-3 James Harley CRISS (7-15-1875 -).

-4 Orin P. (Irwin) CRISS (10-09-1878 -).

-5 Mamie Gertrude Criss (1-21-1884 -).

-6 Infant (3-09-1886 -).

F. Mary Jane Criss (-1849 -).

G. Ellen Criss (-1850 -).

H. Levi S. CRISS (-1854 -).
(w) Amanda (Quillen) (-1858 -).

Levi and Amanda were born in Ohio.

Married ca 1874, they lived in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Mill Township. In 1880, Levi was employed as a railroad brakeman.

3 chn

-1 William Crawford CRISS (8-16-1875 - 8-13-1953).
(w) Velma Pearl (-1880 - -1936).

William Crawford was a railroad engineer, and evidently worked a run between Uhrichsville and Frazeyburg, Ohio.

Married ca 1896, they made their home in Muskingum County, Ohio.

William is interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio. Both have their Wills on file at Steubenville.

2 chn

a. James S. CRISS (-1897 -).

b. William E. "Jr" (11-23-1905 -).
(w) Agnes (Kincaid) (4-19-1907 - 11-20-1980).

Married April 28, 1924.

2 chn

-1 Richard C. CRISS (3- -1926 - 2- -1928). Two years.

-2 Norma Fay Criss (3- -1932 - 10- -1932). Seven months.

c. Robert F. CRISS (-1910 -).

-2 Sylvester CRISS (7-17-1877 -).

-3 Johnson CRISS (11-12-1878 -).

I. John J. McD. CRISS (-1855 -).
(w) Sarah (Allen) (-1853 -).

Married February 3, 1874, at residence of brides father. Justice of the Peace was John A. Farr.

John and Sarah made their home in Jefferson County, Ohio, Saline Township.

Divorced sometime between 1879 and 1885, Sarah married a Mr. Houser ca

1885, and had three more children by the second marriage. By 1900, Sarah was widowed, and living in the Island Creek Township of Jefferson County, Ohio. She is living with the one child by John Criss, and the three children by Mr. Houser. In 1910, she was living in Salem Twnshp.

In 1910, John J. Criss, first husband of Sarah, has surfaced in Jefferson County, Ohio, and is head of the family for a sister-in-law and her infant daughter. (pages 226-227).

John J. Criss is interred at the Chestnut Cove Cemetery, Hammondsville, Ohio.

1 child (h)1
3 chn (h)2

-1 John F. CRISS (5- -1879 -).

John was working for Mr. Charles E. Scott as a hired hand in 1910. This was in Jefferson County, Salem Townshp, Shelley Precinct, Ohio, and is the last of the information on John.

-2 Harry D. HOUSER (8- -1887 -).

-3 William HOUSER (10- -1891 -).

-4 Mamie Houser (9- -1892 -).

J. George M. CRISS (4-03-1857 - 5-09-1857). Infant. One month

K. Nancy A. Criss (-1858 -).

L. Hannah S. Criss (-1861 -).

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca1784-1856) and their descendents---

10. LEVI J. CRISS (-1824 - -1880+).
(w) Sarah (Wright) (9- -1827 - 9-23-1889).

Sarah Wright was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Samuel and Nancy Wright, of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Ohio. Sarah was also related to the Criss family through her grandmother, Sarah (Criss) Wright.

Married ca 1846, they lived and raised their family in Burghettstown, Pa., where Levi worked as a carpenter. It was at the Burghettstown home that Levi's uncle, Henry Criss, died.

After the death of Levi Criss, Sarah married a widower, Mr. Pelley, and together they raised his family of minor children.

Levi and Sarah are interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

7 chn (h)1

A. Nancy Jane (Criss) (4- -1847 -).
(h) John W. JESTER (6- -1843 -).

John was born in West Virginia. Married circa 1866, they made their home in Washington County, Pa., Jefferson Township. John was employed as a farm laborer.

5 chn

-1 Sarah M. Jester (-1867 -).

-2 Charles Levi JESTER (5- -1869 -).
(w) Margaret E. (-1872 -).

Margaret was from Ohio. Made their home in Jefferson Township.

-3 George Allen JESTER (1- -1873 -).
(w) Margaret S. (-1878 -).

Margaret was from Pennsylvania. Married ca 1902, they made their home in Jefferson Township. George was a signal repairman, working for the railroad.

3 chn

a. Nannie M. Jester (-1904 -).

b. Elmer E. JESTER (-1905 -).

c. George Allen JESTER, Jr. (-1907 -).

-4 Elizabeth V. Jester (-1877 -).

-5 John E. JESTER (-1880 -).

B. Sarah (Criss) (-1849 -).
(h) John SHAW (-1835 -).

John Shaw was born in E. Virginia. Married ca 1868, they made their home in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa. Their home was near the town of Florence.

1 child

-1 Sarah E. Shaw (-1869 -).

C. Hannah L. (Criss) (-1852 -).
(h) James WORSTELL (-1838 -).

Both were from Pennsylvania. Married ca 1870, they made their home in Washington County, Pa., Hanover Township. Around the turn of the century, they moved to South Canonburg Township, Washington County, Pa.

10 chn

-1 Ella May (Worstell) (2- -1871 -).
(h) John HARE (-1871 -).

Made their home in South Canonburg Township, Washington County, Pa. Mr. Hare was a foreman for a bridge building company.

-2 Otto Osborne WORSTELL (10- -1872 -).

-3 Annie B. Worstell (-1875 -).

-4 James Frank WORSTELL (1- -1877 -).
(w) Nehu (-1881 -).

Married ca 1907. Made their home in South Canonburg Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

2 chn

a. Laurie Worstell (-1908 -).

b. Walter WORSTELL (-1910 -).

-5 Christy Worstell (6- -1879 -).

-6 John WORSTELL (12- -1881 -).

-7 Joseph WORSTELL (7- -1884 -).

-8 Harry WORSTELL (10- -1886 -).

-9 Charles G. WORSTELL (4- -1889 -).

-10 Earl G. WORSTELL (5- -1892 -).

Earl and his brother, John, worked in the steel mills.

D. Elizabeth Loretta Criss (-1857 -).

E. Elinor (Honor) Criss (-1859 -).

F. John CRISS (-1862 -).

G. James T. CRISS (-1864 - 2-15-1922).
(w) Elizabeth N. (-).

James and Elizabeth lived at Hanlins Station, Washington County, Pa. His trade was given as hostler.

James left a will dated 8-27-1918, in which he mentions a daughter and son-in-law, George Egger, and children.

James and his brother John are interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca1784-1856) and their descendents---

11. ISAAC D. CRISS (-1825 - 2-24-1906).
(w) Nancy Jane (-1840 -).
(h)2 Andrew GAMBLE (-1836 -).

Isaac was born on the home place at Hanlin's Station, and was the last child to leave home and go on his own. Nancy Jane was from Ohio, and evidently this is where Issac met her.

Nancy Jane and Isaac were married ca 1853, and made their home in Steubenville, Ohio. Divorced ca 1874, Nancy Jane then married Andrew Gamble ca 1876, a widower with a family. Of this second marriage, a daughter, Elizabeth, was born in April of 1878.

Of the previous marriage of Andrew Gamble, a daughter, Ida, born in 1867, became the wife of Lander M. Criss, son of Isaac and Nancy Jane. Thus, Nancy became mother and mother-in-law to her own children.

Isaac evidently did not marry again. He is interred at the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

8 chn

A. William G. CRISS (5- -1854 - 3-16-1910).
(w) Josephine (6- -1856 - -1928).

Married in 1872, they made their home in Steubenville, Ohio. William worked in the steel mills.

2 chn

-1 Anna Edna (Criss) (10- -1875 -).
(h) Albert LOWMILLER (-1877 -).

Married October 21, 1903. Made their home in Steubenville, Ohio.

-2 Bessie Helen (Criss) (4- -1894 -).
(h) William BUCK (-).

Married April 12, 1911.

B. Mary Criss (-1857 -).

C. Anna Criss (-1859 -).

D. Lander M. CRISS (2- -1861 - 4-03-1915).
(w) Ida Virginia (Gamble) (2- -1867 - -1936).

Both born in Ohio. Married January 13, 1889, in Steubenville, Ohio. Their homes were in Steubenville and Mingo Junction, Ohio. Lander was an engineer with the water works.

2 chn

-1 William James CRISS (12-25-1889 -).
(w) Wilma (Bates) (2-01-1897 - 7-18-1970).

Wilma was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Grant) Bates. Wilma and William were married July 26, 1916, and made their home in Steubenville where William worked in the steel mills.

5 chn

a. William Emmett CRISS (5-01-1917 - 3-15-1956).
(w) Mary (Visyak) (8-28-1919 -).

Lived in Mingo Junction, Ohio, where William worked as a postal employee. Married September 16, 1939.

Mary was the daughter of George and Mary (Simkulics) Visyak.

2 chn

-1 William James CRISS (-1943 -).
(w) Judith (Kotur) (-).

2 chn

a. William Emmett CRISS (-1967 -).

b. Bryan Melvin CRISS (-1970 -).

-2 David Robert CRISS (-1947 -).
(w) Patricia Ann (Hood) (-1950 -).
(w)2 Kay Lynn (Eshbaugh) (-1952 -).

Patricia Ann is the daughter of George and Helen (Fidak) Hood. Married June 22, 1968. Divorced.

Married Kay Lynn September 27, 1975. Parents of Kay Lynn, Charles and Sarah (Robinson) Eshbaugh.

David is a teacher in Toronto, Ohio.

b. James Lee CRISS (7-15-1923 - 11-20-1924). Infant. One year

c. Mary Wilma (Criss) (8-20-1920 -).
(h) George William CONSTABLE (- deceased).
(h)2 David FURMAN (-).

Married George Constable August 6, 1937.

Mary and David Furman live in Florida.

d. Howard Lander CRISS (4-28-1925 -).
(w) Lillian (Kamerer) (11-16-1927 -).

Lillian is the daughter of Oran and Pearl (Gallagher) Kamerer.

Married May 22, 1965, they make their home in Mingo Junction.

1 child

-1 Howard Todd CRISS (12-08-1968 -).

e. Robert Daniel CRISS (12-23-1929 -).
(w) Doris (Harding) (

-2 John W. CRISS (5-31-1893 -).
(w) May (Knight) (-).
(w)2 Mary (Stozich) (1-15-1912 -).

Mary Stozich was the daughter of Nicholas and Emma (Nazich) Stozich.

John and Mary were married 12-28-1943.

1 child

a. Donna (Criss) (-). Adopted.
(h) Carl PANETTA (-).

no issue

E. Laitie (Charlotte) Criss (-1864 -).

F. Margaret "Maggie" Criss (-1867 -).

G. Winiford "Minnie" Criss (-1870 -).

H. Ambrose E. CRISS (2-12-1873 - 1-26-1931).
(w) Mary (Barrett) (3-28-1881 - 1-20-1946).

Married July 2, 1900. Made their home in Steubenville, where Ambrose was employed by the railroad.

Both are interred at the Rose Hill Cemetery #171, Stark County, Ohio, Jackson Township.

3 chn

-1 Margaret Criss (-1902 -).

-2 Beatrice Elizabeth (Criss) (-1916 -).
(h) William Stuart TOLE (-).

Married November 3, 1934.

-3 William CRISS (-1920 -).

Children of WILLIAM CRISS (ca1784-1856) and their descendents---

12. JACOB CRISS (-1826 -).

Jacob was the last born of the marriage of William and Hannah Criss. It would appear by the lack of information, that Jacob may have been a loner of sorts, for very little information is available on him.

In the 1850 census for Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., he is single, and enumerated with one Robert Lee, as a boarder.

Children of JOHN CRIST/CRISS (ca 1741-1830) and their descendents---

7. HENRY CRISS (ca-1787 - -1863).
(w) Elizabeth (ca-1792 -).

Henry was the last of the children born of the marriage between John Crist and Ursulla Hawkins. In all probability, Henry was born on the home known as the "Heritage" on Harmon's Creek, Washington County, Pa.

From the records available on Henry, it would appear that the marriage took place circa 1818. Henry made his home near the folks, and farmed a few acres c land. To say that Henry was blessed with good fortune would be remiss, for all indications are that he suffered with his marriage and his children.

The marriage fell apart some time during the period 1850/1860. Henry was living with his sister, Sarah (Criss) Wright, and Elizabeth, Henry's wife, was listed as a grass widow, and living in Paris, Pa.

Henry and Elizabeth suffered with their children. Two were declared insane by the census taker, and one deaf. As there is no record that the children wer ever committed, it can hardly be accepted as fact that this declaration was in all aspects, one of truth. George, a son declared insane by the census taker, was later known to work as a field hand for the Robert Curry family of Jefferso Township. This same Robert Curry's second wife was Sarah Fink, mother of Mary Fink, who was the first wife of Rittenhouse Criss.

Henry died in 1863, at the home of his nephew, Levi Criss. From the readin of Henry's Will probated in February, 1863, one can imagine the feeling he stil had for his wife and family.

WILL OF HENRY CRISS--

In the name of God, amen, I Henry Criss of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being weak of body but of sound mind, calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make and declare this my last Will and testament as follows:

I allow my body to be decently intered in the earth. After my just debts are paid, I dispose of my worldly property as follows - to wit - my farm and personal property, I Will and bequeath to my son George, binding him to give my daughter, Mary, one milk cow and to keep my wife Elizabeth during her life. I

appoint Charles Hanlin executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of April, 1861.

his
Henry Criss
mark

Probated 10th day of February, 1863

NOTE: George Criss was bequeathed the farm, and given the responsibility of taking care of his sister and mother. Insane?

6 chn

A. Ursilla Criss (-1819 -).

Probably named after her grandmother. Declared insane by census taker.

B. Mary Martha Criss (-1822 -).

Declared deaf by census taker. One of two children mentioned in the Will of her father.

C. John Louis CRISS (-1824 -).
(w) Mary (-1823 -).

Married ca 1846, and lived in and around Washington County area of Pennsylvania until 1870. Moved to Crawford County, Ohio, Jackson Township. Not mentioned in Will of father.

6 chn

-1 Samuel CRISS (-1847 -).

-2 Susanna Criss (-1849 -).

-3 James CRISS (-1852 -).

-4 Joseph G. CRISS (-1854 -).

-5 William D. CRISS (-1856 -).

-6 Reed V. CRISS (-1858 -).

D. George J. CRISS (-1825 - 12-22-1874).

Interred at the Eldersville Cemetery, Eldersville, Pa.

E. Henry CRISS (-1834 -).

Henry was working as a printer in 1860. (census)

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